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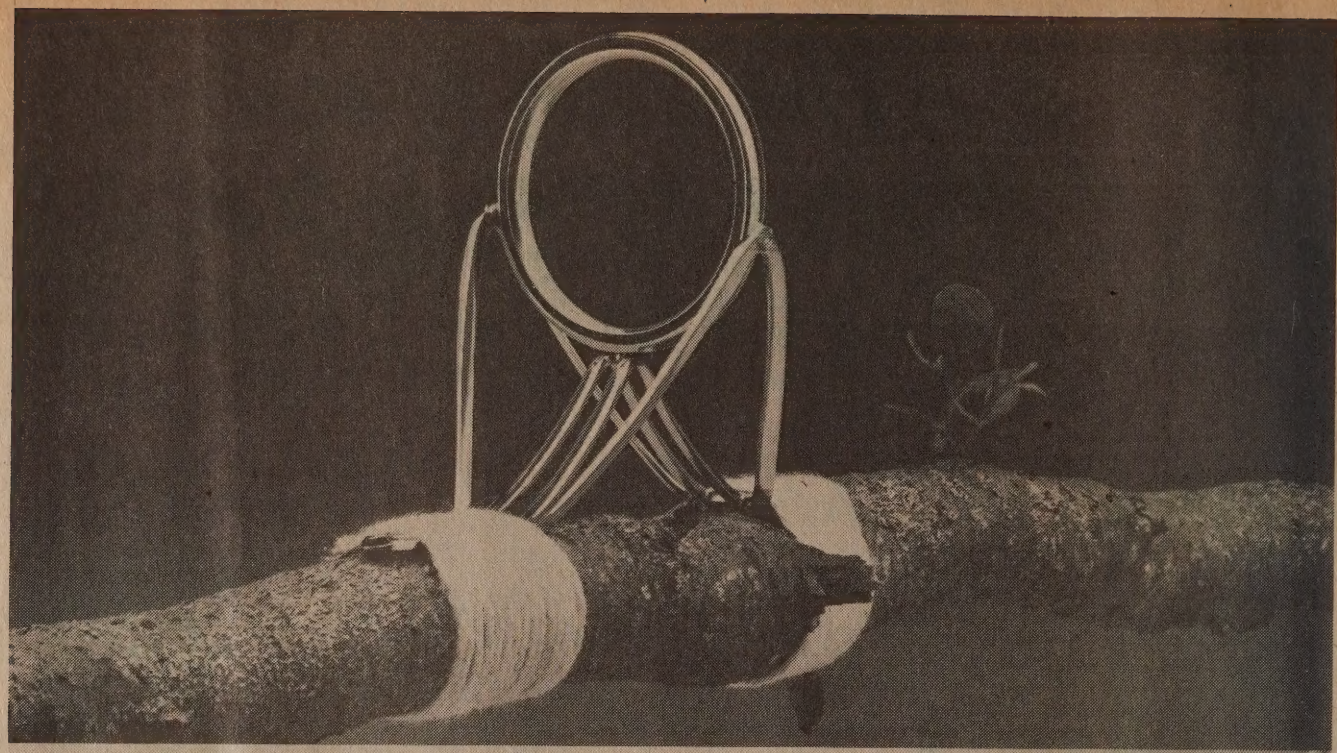

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Wreck fishing off Nantucket usually produces some real bruisers, like this pollack (left). Not only was it a pool winner, but it was also an All-Tackle Record at the time. See the story on page 22 of this issue.

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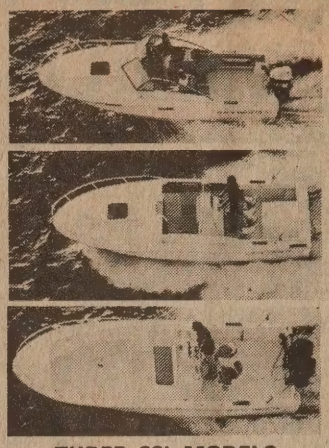

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NEW PARK ACCESS FOR SURF FISHERMEN

The Long Island Fisherman is pleased and gratified to announce that the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission has opened additional access, within the State Parks system, for surf fishing, on a trial basis.

On May 25, 1980, Mr. John Sheridan, General Manager, Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission, announced that parking field number 4 at Robert Moses State Park will be open to surf fishing between October 1 and December 31 inclusive, between dawn and dusk. Fishermen will NOT be allowed on the beach during **nighttime** hours, but access will be open during the dawn and dusk periods.

We congratulate the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission for this intelligent decision. We also wish to thank Mr. John Sheridan and Mr. Robert Ott for graciously listening to the information and arguments presented by surf fishermen in quest of additional access and for taking positive action on those recommendations.

The additional access provided through the opening of field number 4 is an important step forward. The decision to open this area at Robert Moses recognizes that surf fishing is a unique activity that can only take place adjacent to salt water and that surf fishermen on Long Island desperately need additional access.

Progress towards recognition of the special problems of surf fishermen began in the summer of 1979. At that time, The Long Island Fisherman flew to Albany to meet with Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission officials about a variety of issues related to sport fishermen. Commissioner Orin Lehman attended that meeting. He stated that he recognized the importance of the parks as access areas for surf fishing and recognized that considerable access had been lost to private property and town/county beach development. The opening of Robert Moses field number 4 for limited surf fishing access demonstrates that the Commissioner intends to keep his word.

We also indicated that surf fishermen needed to make additional input to the Commission on rules, regulations, and policy matters that have relevancy to surf fishermen. Therefore, in March, 1980, Mr. John Sheridan formed an Advisory Committee of surf fishermen to discuss items and areas of mutual interest. The Committee consists of:

MR. MIKE PARKER, L.I.B.B.A.
MR. GEORGE HULSE, U.M.S.
MR. JOHN FRITZ, N. Y. Sportfishing Council
MR. DON PALMER, Independent
DR. WILLIAM A. MULLER, The Long Island Fisherman

Two items were focused on at the first and second meetings: a proposed Democrat Point curfew between midnight and 3AM, and additional access. In a previous editorial, we have already told you of the L.I.S.P.R.C.'s decision to revoke the proposed curfew. Today we are pleased to announce the additional access.

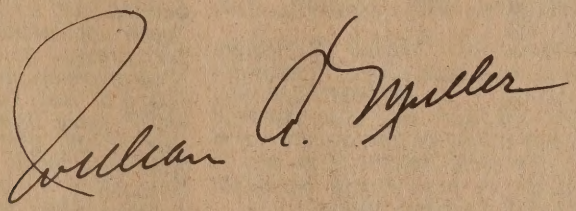
The surf fishermen's Advisory Committee represents surf fishermen. There is sufficient representation so that all surf fishermen should find it convenient to communicate with the Committee. We seek your input and your ideas. We feel we have made great progress in a short period of time and we encourage your support. Please forward your input to any member of the Committee. And we will introduce it at the earliest opportunity.

A schedule of meetings has been established. At certain times of the year we will we meet monthly; while at other times of the year we will meet only every few months. If a matter of serious or urgent importance arises between meetings, we will meet in special session. Both Mr. John Sheridan and the Committee may request a meeting. We have also been assured by Mr. Sheridan that the Commission will bring to the attention of the Committee ALL matters that are important to surf fishermen and surf

fishing regardless of origin: Commission, Legislative, community, etc. Therefore, there should be no surprises on the horizon. Before laws, rules, regulations, or policies take effect, the Committee will have the opportunity to provide input.

The additional access at Robert Moses field number 4 is an important first step for a very timely reason. The rise in gasoline prices and the spectre of future gasoline shortages means that surf fishermen will concentrate their efforts in areas requiring short drive times. Since the greatest population densities on Long Island are in Nassau and western Suffolk, access to field number 4 at Robert Moses will provide potential productive beach within fifteen to thirty-five minutes drive time for thousands of surf fishermen. The matter of energy conservation and controlling gasoline expenses is a matter of no small importance. The very basic nature of surf fishing is changing because of it. Traditionally the surf fisherman, limited in his mobility without a boat, compensated by travelling from Cape Cod to Montauk to Cape Hatteras in search of fish. Today the surf fisherman must develop the potential fishing that exists in his own "back yard." Thus, additional access in areas of high density population is an urgent priority.

We have only the highest regard and respect for recent intelligent and progressive decisions of the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission which will benefit surf fishing. We hope that the current cooperative climate will continue for the mutual benefit of surf fishermen and the Commission.



DECISION ON FISH TRAP IN MONTAUK STATE PARK

Letter dated:
May 19, 1980
From: L. I. State
Park & Rec. Commission

Dear Scott: Reference is made to your correspondence requesting the written position of the Commission concerning the construction and operation of fish pound traps in the vicinity of Montauk Point State Park.

As previously indicated, the land under water in the area in question was transferred from the New York State Office of General Services to the Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission in September, 1963. At that time, the administration of the Commission designated this area as recreational and this policy exists today. It is our intention to preserve this area for recreational purposes in a manner consistent with the past seventeen (17) years.

As you know, any individual desirous of constructing a fish pound trap must first secure a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. In an effort to ensure compliance with our policy, we have requested on two occasions (May 28, 1979 and July 25, 1979) that the Corps grant us the opportunity to review applications for permits for fish traps in the waters on the East End of Long Island. The Commission will not look favorably on permit applications in the waters off Montauk Point State Park.

In closing, I would like to state that the Commission looks forward to a positive relationship with you and similar organizations that are interested in pursuing recreational opportunities on Long Island. If I can be of additional assistance, please do not hestitate to contact me.

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I am trying to find red or amber agate guides. Most of the tackle shops I've visited don't even know what I'm talking about. Do you know where I can purchase them?
John T. Cooke.

Agate guides have gone the way of the dinosaur with the introduction of the ceramic guides by Fuji, Perfection, Allan and others. In its day, the agate was generally considered to be the best guide available and only the finest rods were equipped with these guides which are actually a semi-precious stone. Unfortunately they could break easily by a sharp knock against something.

Abu-Garcia used to sell an excellent kit of agate guides and perhaps they still have some available. Write them at Fairfield, N.J.

Many custom rod builders save agate guides when rebuilding a rod and converting to the newer ceramics. I called Mike Tralies at the Mud Hole and confirmed that he has a few agate guides in stock, slightly used. I'm sure other custom builders may also have a limited supply.

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I have a beautiful Lamiglas custom rod with cushioned grips on both sides of the reel seat, but the reel seat turns on the blank. I don't want to take off the grips to re-glue the reel seat. Can you help? *Scott Scholl.*

There are several alternatives. Try to pull the grips slightly away from the seat to expose the inside end edges of the seat. Sometimes it is possible to squirt enough epoxy into that opening with a plastic syringe to firmly re-glue the seat. If that doesn't work you can try drilling two or three holes in the seat on the side that would be away from your hand while fishing with the reel in place. Again, force as much epoxy as possible into the holes. A piece of masking tape will prevent any epoxy from dripping out while setting up and when you peel it away, there will only be smooth, epoxy-filled holes to see.

If all else fails, you can drill right through the reel seat and the blank and push a pin through the seat from one side to the other, applying glue in the hole. Grind off the end of the pin and the seat should be firmly held.

It would also be possible to remove only the bottom grip, remove the reel seat, to clean it up and then re-glue the seat correctly. A foam grip that nearly matched the diameter of the blank can usually be worked back up on the rod using the epoxy glue as a lubricant. It is tough work, but can be done.

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I am doing a research project on clams and blue claw crabs and need information of the following type: reproduction systems, growth rates, shedding schedule, and so forth. I've written to NOAA, but have received nothing. Can you help?
Robert Baker.

Write to Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries for info on the clams and other shellfish. They may also have some crabbing info. Address is P. O. Box 1809, Trenton, N.J.

International Marine Publishers distributes a book called "Successful Crabbing," by Ernest Cottrell, Frank Mellacci and John Cottrell and has plenty of info on crabs and their life cycle. It cost $5.95 and is available in book stores or direct from IMP, Camden, Maine.

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I have a Penn 710 that has an annoying problem. Every so often while casting, the bail snaps shut causing lost lures and line. Any suggestions as to how I can solve this problem? *C.A. Munro.*

Many spinning reels may perform like this depending on where the bail wire is positioned while casting. It takes about a 270° swing or arc of travel for most bails to click shut. If, during a cast, the bail wire is positioned so it can move through most of that arc, it may build up enough momentum while snapping off a cast to swing the bail around and cause it to click shut. You can remedy this by making sure the bail is positioned at the bottom of the arc of travel so it cannot build any momentum.

Most reels, including the Penn, have a built-in "anti-inertia" device that is supposed to prevent the bail from swinging so freely that it clicks shut while casting. Perhaps this mechanism is worn on your reel. A repair shop or a visit to Penn (by mail) will also solve the problem.

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I would like to have more information on the Alvey Casting Concept.
Gerome Jordan

Write to the distributor of this Australian reel for a catalog and availability information: E. Brandner, Dist., P.O. Box 996, Alachua, FL 32615. We've seen the reel at several dealers in the DelMarVa and New Jersey area from time to time; so you might also want to check out some of the local tackle shops to see if they handle the reel.

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Several times in articles in The Fisherman, your writers have mentioned "Duo-Lock Snaps" as the best snap available. I can't find these in stores and if I order them from catalogs they take too long or are always sold out. Is there any store in my area that handles these snaps? *Don Seeley.*

The Duo-Lock snaps are manufactured by and distributed by Sampo, a company known for its quality ball bearing snap swivels and the sturdy, nearly unbreakable Duo-Lock. I'd be hard-pressed to think of a tackle shop anywhere in New Jersey, Long Island or New England that "DOES NOT" carry them, or if they don't carry them, that can't order them from their jobber within a few days. Specifically, in your area is Ramsy Outdoor, The Outdoorsman, Meltzers and Midland Tackle that DO carry these snaps. If they are temporarily out of the size you need, they will be able to order them for you.

A new alternative is the Berkley Snap. It is admittedly so new that it may not be readily available yet. However, you can write to Berkley in Spirit Lake, Iowa for more information on it and they may be able to tell you which dealers will be handling it.

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I recently purchased a Penn 710 spinning reel to use for fluking and just last week for mackerel. After using the reel only for half a day, the anti-backlash lever broke and now the handle turns backwards all the time. Can you help? *D. Harris*

Since the reel is virtually brand new, you can pack it securely and return it to Penn for some no-charge warranty repairs. Keep in mind that it will cost you shipping and may take several weeks in the mails to get the reel back to you. A faster solution would be to take the reel to a local tackle shop and have them install a new anti-reverse spring or anti-reverse dog—maybe both. The total cost may be about the same, but you will have your reel immediately. There are so many shops that service Penn reels that you should have no trouble finding one near where you live. A phone call to a few of the "Fisherman" advertisers will locate a service shop for you.

If you are handy yourself, you may want to consult the reel instruction booklet and try to do the

repair on your own. If only the spring has been at fault, you can buy a spring for pennies and be back fishing in only a half hour. If you are not familiar with servicing reels, by all means see a tackle shop.

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I belong to a fishing club that has a membership limited to "Old-Timers," and most of us are on a budget because of Social Security and have only a small amount of money to use for pursuit of fishing pleasures. Very few of us have our own boats and we always go on party boats. The rising cost of gasoline and diesel fuel has caused some boats to raise their fees, which we can't afford. Can you think of any way we can get discounts or how we might be able to get the captains to lower the fares for retired people? *Marvin Bellamy.*

You posed a fairly simple question, but it has no simple answer! First, the captains cannot continue to operate their boats if they lose money on each trip, so they figure all the operating expenses and adjust the fares accordingly—hoping to make enough during the relatively limited season to keep the banks happy and still come home with enough to keep their families happy. We know of not a single captain who lives "high on the hog," driving around in Porsches and wearing tailor-made suits. Like you and I they are hard working and often under-paid for their efforts.

There are some skippers who do have special rates on weekdays for senior citizens and a few phone calls to the boats listed in our ad section by the Fishing Reports should reward you with several boats to choose from. Some boat liveries also offer lower rates on weekdays, to groups or to senior citizens.

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While visiting the Fishing Show at the Annapolis National Guard Armory back in January, I saw a new kind of sand spike demonstrated by one of the slide lecturers. I've been unable to find this spike in the Philadelphia area. Can you locate the dealer's name who sold these? *Bob Yzaskowski.*

The spike you refer to is manufactured by Strike Spike, P.O. Box 1883, Rockville, MD 20850. It was being sold at the Anglers display at the show and they are located on Highway 50 just outside Annapolis. Write to Strike Spike for a dealer list or ordering information.

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I want to find out more about fishing for sharks. Can you recommend any books I can use as reference sources about how they live, where are they found, and where they migrate? *Doug Bach.*

A. J. McClane's "Standard Fishing Encyclopedia" has lots of shark info if you look up each shark separately. The two best shark fishing books are "Sportfishing for Sharks," by Bill Wisner and Frank Mundus, published by Collier Books, a division of MacMillan; and "Shark Wanted! Dead or Alive," by Captain Hal Scharp and Mary Scharp, published by A. S. Barnes Company. To my knowledge, they are both in print and available from book stores or from Salt Water Sportsman Magazine, High St., Boston, Mass. The McClane book is published by Holt, Reinhart and Winston.

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I am planning on buying a 17' Whaler center console boat. My question is how small an engine can I get away with. Please do not consider economy alone, as friends tell me that the worst thing to do is to underpower. Is a 55 h.p. adequate? *L. Wagonner.*

The 55 h.p. would be adequate, but a little undersized in our opinion. However, you will see quite a few 17' Whalers with a 50 or 55 engine. Personally, we would prefer a 70 or 75 h.p. power plant. An engine of this size would be able to operate at a lower RPM than a 55 h.p. for the same speed. This would result in a quieter operation and, of course, with less strain on the engine. Your fuel consumption for the larger engine would be in the neighborhood of one-half gallon per hour more than it would be for the 55 h.p. If you are an average owner, this would result in an additional 30-40 gallons per season. From a performance point of view, the difference is more than worth that. Less strain provides for longer engine life too. It's difficult to peer into the future, but presumably your trade-in value would also be enhanced, though initial cost will be higher.

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I own a 22' Aquasport with twin 85 h.p. Johnsons, 1976, with power tilt and trim. I fish a lot offshore. I have a question about my gauges. After running about two hours or so, I find my temperature gauges running up to about 170° and 175°. The first time I noticed this, I stopped and checked the engines and they felt cool to my hand. I did this a number of times, but always they were cool. The other thing is about my voltmeters; they also run up to about 15-16 volts on a long run. In my van (which I tow with), it works just the opposite: the longer I run, the lower the charge reading. Is this normal? I am used to the high temperature readings now and don't bother checking anymore. *T. Butley.*

From your letter it sounds like you have a classic case of battery overcharging. Although your engines have the alternator charging systems like your van, they do not have voltage regulators. After running a few hours, you begin to get an overcharge on your batteries. This makes the voltages start to climb in your electrical system, giving you false readings from your gauges. We suggest you have your dealer install voltage regulator kits. These will certainly solve your problem. If the dollars are tight right now, an alternative would be to use your accessories while under way; run your trim and tilt occasionally, keep the lights on, etc. This will help.

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My boat is a 17' Crestliner, 1976, with a 76 115 Evinrude that I use a little for skiing, but mostly for fishing. The boat seems to be very slow getting up on plane and the best speed I get is about 28 mph. I know the boat is heavy, but with all that power I figure I must be having some sort of a problem with the engine. I trailer the boat and keep it well polished. *F. Bunz.*

If everything is in top condition, that hull and engine package should be capable of 38-40 mph. Is the kind of performance you are writing about a new problem? If so, get a compression check. You should get reading of about 120 to 140 lbs. and not more than 10% difference between cylinders. You also should check to see if you are getting spark on all four cylinders. Examine your control linkages, making certain that full throttle gives you a wide open carburetor. Also check the fuel system for hose kinks and leaks—air leaks, that is. If your problems have been with you since you owned the boat, there are two other possibilities. For that hull and the type of use, it sounds like you should have a 13¼x17 or a 13x19 propeller to have the right pitch. Check this out, and while the engine is in the down position on your boat you can make a fast check of how it matches the transom height. The cavitation plate on the engine should be about level with the boat's bottom.

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I own a 1955 Evinrude 5.5 h.p. outboard. The problem is this: when the throttle is wide open the engine runs fine for about then minutes, then it suddenly dies out. Then upon pushing the primer button on the tank, the engine picks up and runs fine for awhile, then repeats the problem. The less fuel in the tank, the more persistent the problem seems to be. At low speed, this problem does not exist. This was a used engine with very few hours on it. Are there other things I should check or replace for trouble-free operation. *Bob Shute.*

It sounds like your problem is a pressure leak in your fuel system. Your engine runs on a two-hose system. One hose is for fuel delivery to the engine, while the other delivers crankcase pressure to the fuel tank. This puts the pressure in the tank, pushing the fuel up the other line. The system works fine providing there are no air leaks. Our suggestion, Bob, is to replace the fuel hose if it looks suspicious. Also check the hose connections and the tank primer button. Don't overlook the washer under the tank cap and the gasket under the assembly.

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After running a few minutes, if the cap is opened, you should hear a hissing sound of your tank de-pressurizing. If you do not get this de-pressurizing, it means that the air is leaking before it gets to the tank, or leaking from the tank as fast as it is going in. Aside from this, there could be a "sounds like" problem involving an accumulation of sediment in your carburetor. If you are getting and holding pressure in your fuel tank, then check the carb assembly for excessive sediment.

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My 1974 Sportcraft center console with 150 V-6 Evinrude has been giving me a lot of fuel problems of late. The motor surges at high speed, and when I check the filters on the fuel pumps they have been collecting sediment. Would it be possible to install the automotive clear plastic gas filter to help keep the fuel pumps from getting clogged up? *Art Rath.*

Your problem is not so easily solved. As for using an in-line gas filter, the answer is absolutely NO! That type of filter is made for gasoline only. Your outboard gas/oil mixture tends to congeal in these filters, causing fuel starvation which, in turn, is dangerous to engine life. OMC does make a fuel filter for your V-6 which does work very well. For your problem, however, we would recommend the removal of your fuel tank. It then should be sent to a radiator shop for inspection and boiling out. We know this is no easy job as the tank is foamed in and requires the removal of the console and breaking it out of the foam. This is the right way to cure the problem, then add the filter, which is a good idea, providing the correct type of filter is used.

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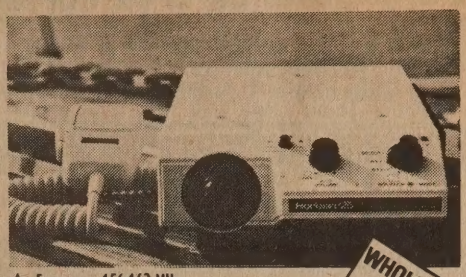

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FISH TALK
with William A. Muller

Past, Present & Future

THE PAST! We received a nice note from Anthony Schiavello, the April winner of a Shakespeare Ugly Stik. He says he was both surprised and delighted with the prize. Tony remarks that he has already used the rod and that he is impressed with its sensitivity. Readers will recall that since Tony signed his original letter only A.T., we didn't know whether he was male or female. Well, Tony has cleared that up for us. Thank you.

MORE PAST. A recent letter from Anthony Cardinale of The Bronx also addresses itself to the past. "I know that most of your staff are fishermen, so they may be able to answer my question. About ten or so years ago, a cousin of mine fished out of Flanders Bay (at the head of Peconic Bay) in the month of early April or even late March. He told me that on that day, he and his brother filled up a bushel basket with about twenty flounders, which were in the two to three pound class. In all of my sixty-six years, I have never heard of this kind of fishing: maybe it is because I have never fished in Flanders. I have fished out of Port of Egypt Fishing Station in my younger years and from Three Mile Harbor, too. I have caught large flounders at the black buoy outside of Montauk Inlet and at Amagansett also. However, I don't know if my cousin was putting me on or if they really do get sea flounders in that area and keep it a secret." Anthony follows with some nice words about L.I.F., and then asks about places to launch a boat for a fee. Well, let's take the easy one first. Most boat livery stations and some marinas have launch ramps and for a modest fee you can launch there. It would be best to select a few locations from our ads and then call ahead just to be sure both that a ramp exists and what the fee is. Now, the hard question. Are there really sea flounders in Flanders Bay. The answer is definitely yes. About a bushel of two to three pounders—we must hesitate. First of all, fish tend to get bigger the longer the memory must strain to remember and ten or so years ago is a long time. Then, too, there is also a thing about flounders. Few people really weigh them. Instead, a fisherman will hold a fish up and conclude that it weighs one, two, three, etc., pounds. It isn't very accurate, but somehow it isn't quite the same thing to drag out a scale for a flounder as it is with bass, weaks, and blues. Most flounder fishermen want to join the two or three pound club too, and thus they stretch the imagination a little. On the other hand, about ten years ago, there were a few years where big flounders moved further down the Bay than they usually do and they were there in good numbers. There are always a few two and three pound fish to be had in most spots, but they aren't common; but in the early Seventies they were, and I speak from firsthand experience. In those years, I didn't bother to make the run to deep water places like Nassau Point, Rose's Grove, and Jessups. The reason was simple. I was taking good numbers of very big fish within five minutes of the dock. So it is possible; one had to be there to be sure!

THE PRESENT! Joe Daly of New Hyde Park wrote in to comment on a recent editorial about surf fishing at Long Island State Parks. "Regarding your article in the April 17 issue of L.I.F. regarding the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission: I heartily agree that surf fishermen are not responsible for the vandalism and off-track vehicle use at our State Parks. I noted that L.I.B.B.A. donated a CB radio to the Park Office at Robert Moses. How about the idea of having surf fishermen notify the Park Office on their CB radios when 'wackos' are in the process of tearing up the beach, so that the Office can request an investigation by the proper officials? Beach access for four-wheel drive vehicles is very limited and, at best, a precarious privilege. We who wish to enjoy this pastime may have to take extraordinary measures to protect the privilege." We agree, Joe, and although surf fishermen are almost never involved in any unfortunate incidents on the beach, there is some room to clean up our act. I have seen many buggy operators who do not "let out" before running the beach. This practice of letting out air for beach driving is essential for several reasons. First, it provides better traction and therefore reduces strain on the vehicle and decreases the chance of getting stuck. Second, fully inflated tires tear up the track, producing ruts and hills. This makes the ride bumpy and causes those who come after you to have a greater chance of getting stuck. Many four-wheel drive operators try to rationalize away their responsibility. They claim that their vehicles work fine without letting out. In truth, they are copping out and they are lazy. Sure, I agree, it is a pain in the neck to let out and then pump up again when coming off the beach, but it is a responsibility that seems to go with the privilege of running the beach. Many buggies are equipped with compressors that run off the engine for pumping up when exiting the beach. However, there are other ways to handle the problem. Some fellas carry a tank of compressed air that can fill up tires adequately. True, there may not be enough pressure in such tanks for the larger truck tires, but for many of the small compact vehicles, it works well. As far as notifying park officials about violations, whether it be by CB or telephone is not important. Sure, report violations. This year we are told that there will be more four-wheel drive vehicles in use on regular patrols by the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission. The plan of replacing Sedans with four-by-four vehicles will provide the opportunity for the Commission to catch more violators. Permits to run the beach can be invalidated. So, let the word go out that nonsense will not be tolerated on the beach and that serious surf fishermen do not intend to have the beach destroyed by the casual dune rider!

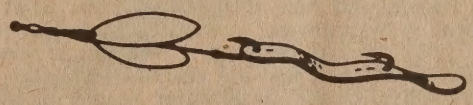
THE FUTURE! C. Peterson of Far Rockaway posed an interesting idea that may well have dramatic impact on our future fishing habits and the recreational fishing industry as well. "As our gas prices keep rising, and we get more and more dependent upon O.P.E.C., an alternative to the gas outboard is needed. By the late 1980s, G.M. is supposed to produce an electric car. So, I feel the time for an electric outboard should come soon, too. It would provide the inshore boater with a quiet and clean ride. For the fisherman, especially the night fisherman, it's quietness would be a great advantage. As for the clean ride, it would be an advantage for everyone, especially the water. I know some people may not think this is possible, and they may shake their heads and say never—but it was innovation and imagination that made America what it is today. So a start in the direction of an alternative is needed. Who knows, this could be the beginning of a whole new concept in outboard motoring. Primarily O.P.E.C.free!" Electric propulsion on the water is confounded by many of the same problems encountered when one attempts to build a practical electric car. There are electric outboards now, but they are small and used for maintaining position, for the most part, when fishing in lakes close to structure. They are also used in lakes and ponds where gasoline outboards are prohibited. The main problem is to develop a storage battery that has great capacity, high power, and light weight. This isn't easy and thus progress with electric propulsion has been only slow. In saltwater, an engine that stammered along at five or so miles an hour with a range of about one hour's driving time would not be practical since often

large distances and long runs are part and parcel of saltwater fishing. Still, you are right and we do need an alternative to oil. I feel confident, as you do, that American ingenuity and imagination can solve the problem—if not with electricity, then in some other way.

MORE PRESENT. Gerry Lichtenstein writes about Siwash hooks and more surf fishing information. "I read your articles in The Long Island Fisherman, and I happen to like your honest answers to questions the public asks. I would like to know where I can use this (ED. NOTE: Mr. L. sent in a sample so there would be no confusion) 5/0 Siwash hook. It is nickel-plated and has weight. I have 5/0s and 7/0. I usually change all tail hooks on plugs and replace them with Siwash hooks that are lighter than this one. Can I use it on the rear of (big plugs)?" Yes, you can use the hook on the rear of big plugs, but you may not want to. The weight isn't the main problem on large plugs since the length and mass of the lure will overcome that. However, nickel-plated hooks do not hold up well in saltwater use and I think that you'll find they will begin to rust rather quickly. Not only will you have to replace the hooks again in the middle of the season, but the rusting will discolor bucktail hair and plug finishes. I have seen these hooks used most commonly as bait hooks for blues and bass. Be they 5/0 or 7/0 isn't important. Especially with blues the rate of lost hooks can be high and thus, the nickel being less expensive than the stainless steel version are more readily sacrificed. Rusting usually isn't a problem because the hooks are lost, bent, or discarded before they are severely rusted. We prefer the stainless steel hook regardless of the price difference, which really isn't tremendous. The stainless steel hooks keep a point longer and if you're like me and neglect your tackle once the season starts, you can put them on your plugs and almost forget them until the winter—except for timely sharpening.

MR. L. CONTINUES. "Also, since gasoline is going up in price, more and more fishing bugs will turn to the surf to fish. Why doesn't L.I.F. give more information in SURF FISHING Column and in the news each week. Last year you had a weekly surf report and so far, I don't see any. Also, I use a 10½' or 11' stick. What pound test line would you suggest for this outfit and what brand do you like." You have probably realized that Fred Golofaro's surf report is back. We always intended to return to it, but saw little point running it during the winter months. In our Surf Fishing Column, we try to be as specific as we can, but the intent of the column is to provide sweeping how-to information since the surf report covers timely location information and since the surf season changes so readily. On fishing line, the strength of the line used will depend upon circumstances. I have several spools for the reels I use. One may be loaded with ten pound test, another fifteen, and another twenty pound test. The size of the rod isn't the critical factor in deciding on line strength, but conditions are. The heavier the surf, the bigger the plugs or bait rig, and the more rugged the bottom, the higher the pound test should be. Ten pound may be great in quiet water with smooth sand, but would be a mistake around a jetty. About the brand I like? I use many types. The key is to purchase a quality brand name product and not a discount unknown. Select your brand according to its promoted characteristics: some are soft, others hard; some are thinner diameter, etc., etc. That may not seem like an honest answer—but it is. Much of this fishing business is very personal and each of us makes unique choices based upon fishing styles and habits.

Next Week: June winner of the Shakespeare rod.



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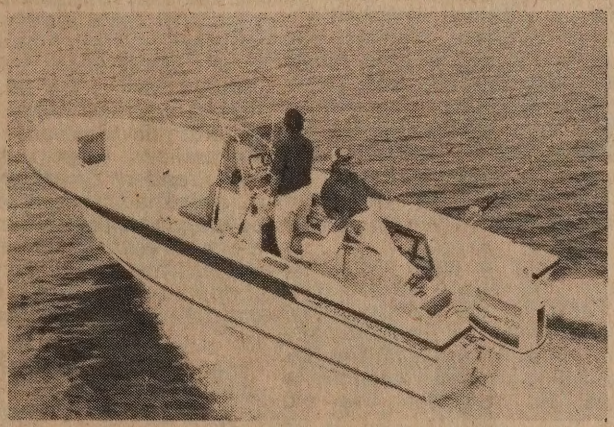

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If you ever want to get a spirited discussion started among a group of sport fishermen, just bring up the question of a saltwater license. I've written a number of articles about this subject over the years, and my position has been the same throughout. Yet, a recent **National Scene** column conveyed the mistaken impression to some that I've become an advocate of a saltwater license.

NATIONAL SCENE
with Al Ristori

THE LICENSE CONTROVERSY

That article was actually a condensation of a speech delivered to the fishery biologists and administrators attending the American FIsheries Society (New York Chapter) meeting in Utica on February 1. I was part of a panel discussing a possible saltwater license. As most of those attending were upstate New York biologists (who usually have no idea why saltwater fishermen oppose licensing), I directed my address to the differences between what the freshwater angler actually gets from his license and how that differs from what is being offered to the saltwater sport fisherman. Having pointed out those great differences, I went on to spell out the many conditions I feel are necessary in order for these biologists to "sell" a saltwater license to the angling public.

I DO NOT ADVOCATE A SALTWATER LICENSE—and never have! My position is that I will not support a license until the fisheries administrators in any given state are willing to provide preference to saltwater sport fishing (just as in freshwater) and meet the conditions I set forth in the article relative to the dedicated nature of the funds and their control by a council of fishermen. Under any form of licensing arrangement, it's likely that recreational fishermen will be paying in over ninety percent of the monies that will go into the fund. Under those circumstances, I cannot support any license scheme that does not provide those who are paying the bills with very definite preferences in harvest of the resource. Since I don't see any inclination on the part of administrators, at this time, to come up with such preferences, I will continue to oppose current license proposals.

Actually, my position isn't that far apart from those on both sides of this issue. The strong advocates of saltwater licensing feel that once the fishermen are licensed they will become a powerful political force and be able to obtain the goals I set forth as conditions. On the other hand, those opposing licenses would like to see the conditions I noted, but don't feel they are possible.

At the Utica meeting, one of the speakers almost stole my thunder when he presented his statement, making the very point I always emphasize with fisheries administrators when discussing the differences between fresh and saltwater licensing. He pointed out that every year he buys both freshwater and hunting licenses—and is glad to do so because those resources are set aside and protected for his as a recreational fisherman and hunter. On the other hand, there is no such protection afforded to the saltwater angler—and none contemplated.

In a recent discussion with Captain Howard Bogan of Brielle (another strong opponent of saltwater licensing), the very same point came up. In further explaining my position I emphasized that I would only support a license if there were very strong preferences for recreational fishing. Howard then stated that even he would go along with a license if commercial fishermen were shut off after taking a certain proportion of the catch of important inshore sport species such as bluefish, porgies, whiting, fluke and weakfish—though he was of the opinion that this would never happen. I replied to Howard that he was looking at a lot less in terms of preference for sport fishing than I was prepared to insist on! Before I'd go for a license, I'd insist on the **elimination** of incompatible commercial fishing gear in waters of state jurisdiction. Netting in such waters would be restricted to species of little or no angling interest—just as is the case in large lakes.

There are those who may say that I'm asking for too much; but all I'm asking the administrators for is the same protection afforded to licensed freshwater fishermen. Netting of sport fish was once the livelihood of many individuals in freshwater lakes, until it became apparent that both commercial and quality sport fisheries could not be maintained at the same time. With ever-increasing pressure on our inshore waters, it should be equally clear that some similar resolution will, inevitably, have to be made in saltwater. Perhaps the administrators can justify putting it off for some time, but sooner or later it will have to be faced up to!

In point of fact, the vast majority of inshore commercial fisheries revenues will be not affected. Shellfish, bunkers, shad (from the Hudson), and some other species would still be harvested. Just as occurred in Massachusetts when striped bass were protected from netting, some commercial fishermen might turn to hook and line harvest of high value inshore species. Draggers will just have to work outside the three-mile limit in Federal waters, unless they have areas set aside where their activities will not interfere with the sport catch. A few commercial fishermen may need government assistance in order to switch to fisheries that are not competitive with inshore sport fisheries. It all sounds revolutionary now, but I have no doubt that it will become absolutely necessary in the future. I just hope that the proper actions are taken before the situation gets out of hand.

My reason for calling for action before licensing is my fear that recreational fishermen won't even become a political force simply by paying a license fee. As chairman of the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturer's Association (AFTMA) Legislative Committee (when I was in the tackle industry), I opposed Sport Fishing Institute support for state saltwater licensing and was able to delay action on that proposal until I left the business. I agree with the intent of SFI Executive Vice-President Dick Stroud, and other proponents, but feel that the many problems involved in licensing cannot be accepted until there is a firm commitment on the part of government to support angling preference. In other words, I feel that the administrators must make us "an offer we can't refuse," but don't see any likelihood of that happening in the near future.

Since opponents of licensing seek the same quality fisheries that proponents do, we should take positive steps to bring about the political power necessary in order to achieve our objectives. Just such an opportunity presents itself now in the form of the American Sportfishing Federation, P. O. Box 426, Chicago, Illinois 60690. Please also indicate if you're a member of a fishing club. State coordinators have materials on hand and will cooperate with clubs in membership drives.

There are many good arguments both for and against licensing. Hoewver, in the course of the debate, it's important that we all keep our eye on the central issue that unites us: the desire to maintain and improve the recreational fisheries, not only for ourselves but for future generations. Positive debate about the various alternatives to achieve that goal should be encouraged, rather than acrimonious hassling about particular solutions. Whatever the outcome of the present debate, let's all try to keep our eyes on the end result—how our fisheries will fare in years to come!

ATLANTIC STURGEON

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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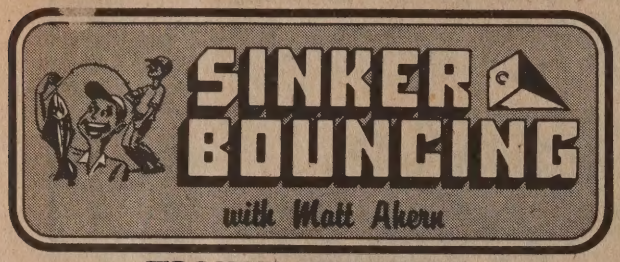


★FLUKE FISHING★
—PART TWO—

Last week we discussed the particular changes which have occurred in our fluke fishing, changes which often make it quite difficult for today's sinker bouncers to score; and to add contrast, included were reminiscences of the effortless fluke fishing old-timers enjoyed only short generations ago. Personal thoughts and reasons for much of today's often lackluster fluke fishing were given, plus a rundown on those baits which I sincerely believe have the potential to convert a possible poor day into one above average. There were no fluke-catching methods described in Part One which have failed to save the day for me more than once. If the article was overlooked, I believe it will be to your advantage to secure a copy, for it is my hope that by so doing you may possibly save yourself a bit of frustration this summer.

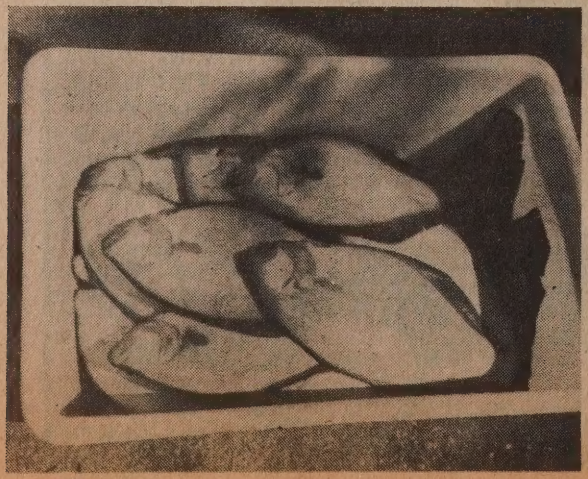
This week, as promised, we'll get into what I consider the ideal fluke hook and the reasons why; plus riggings and tackle—and whatever else comes to mind to help put a few fluke in that bucket.

If you've read Part One, you know that I believe today's fluke fishermen must be on the ball. Alertness to all possibilities that can lead to a successful day is the key. Nothing should be taken for granted. And by this, I mean sinker bouncers must be willing to discard those methods whose acceptance and sole claim to fame lie only in the fact that they have been around so long, they must be good. Let's put it another way: they were good in their day, but because of particular changes in fluke fishing, this is no longer necessarily so.

Take fluke hooks, for example, I don't think I'd be entirely wrong if I said most fluke fishermen use 3/0 to 5/0 long-shanked Carlisles. Do you? I thought so. Take my advice and forget them.

Because so many fluke fishermen use these hooks, I expect a lot of flack on this. We fishermen are creatures of habit, and habit dies hard for us. Nevertheless, I'm convinced that those long-shanked hooks are the cause of many empty buckets.

Before I get into my reasons for this, I've found that it never pays for fishermen to lose sight of the fact that it is a ten cent hook, and that alone, is the most important part of their tackle. Mistake here and the finest tackle in the world avails us naught. It therefore behooves all of us to occasionally brush up on this extremely interesting subject. None of us, regardless of how long we fish, are immune to fault when the proper selection of hooks is at hand.



And especially does this apply to fluke.

As noted, most fluke fishermen use long-shanked Carlisle hooks. I'm sure this is only because they've learned hook removal becomes easier. No one feels comfortable putting his fingers into that cavernous mouth armed with those wicked, needle-sharp teeth—and I don't blame them one bit for that. But this is the only good thing these hooks have going for them. What is overlooked is the fact that if today's fluke fishermen insist upon using long-shanked hooks, it is quite likely there will be few fish for them to put their fingers into.

For reasons given in Part One, fluke can well afford to be choosy today. No longer is there a pressing need to latch on to anything which resembles food. If you give fluke the opportunity to bring into play whatever cautious nature they possess, they will certainly shy away from any hook which does not present bait in a natural-like manner. And you may be sure a long-shanked hook will cause this to happen—especially when using live bait (killies, or whatever). It is as simple as that.

When using any form of live bait, long gone are the days when haphazard fishing methods would produce fish—again I refer you to Part One. There is no longer a glut of fluke, there no longer exists a need for fish to grab anything that moves or go hungry. To put it another way: today's fluke have become "educated." And the fluke fisherman of today had best educate himself, too, if he wishes to keep up with the fishing scene.

The main objection to a long-shanked hook (in my mind) is its weight. Were you to hold a regular-shanked 4/0 Sproat (my favorite fluke hook) in one hand and the larger, long-shanked 5/0 Carlisle in the other, I'm sure you could not distinguish any discernible difference in weight. But that's only because we are not geared to do so without the aid of a gram scale, or something similar.

But if you try an experiment with two, two-inch killies (which make the best bait), and put one on each hook and lower each rig in shallow water for observation, you will readily see that for one of these killies the heavy, long-shanked hook serves as an anchor. The other moves about quite easily with the lighter, short-shanked hook. And don't think for one moment that an anchored bait isn't noticed by a cautious fluke. It may not know the cause of this odd-ball behavior, but nature tells it something is wrong and the fish obeys its instincts—instincts which may quite likely leave you holding the bag at the end of the day. And today's fisherman must take advantage of everything he can to put fluke in the bucket.

Just one more item of importance before we leave this extremely interesting subject.

Be advised to shun the gizmos designed to appeal more to the fisherman than to the fish. In this category lie the flashers and the shiny, whirling spinners, which seem to be eternally purchased by beginning fluke fishermen. These do have their place at certain times of the year, particularly along ocean beaches during mid-summer; but to my way of thinking, inside bays—and especially over mud and grassy bottoms—they are worthless.

Yes, I know fluke are caught on them and you may have succeeded in doing so, but it is my belief you will do better without them. Here again, weight rears its ugly head. Incidentally, I have caught thousands of fluke over the years and not one was ever hooked with the aid of a flasher or spinner. I know this seems difficult to believe, but not so when one realizes I am from the old school which always took to heart the bottom fisherman's adage of the less hardware, the better. Today, this becomes more important. Pay heed.

As for rigging, there is nothing complicated about it—exact, yes...but not complicated.

Use a 4/0 regular-shanked Sproat hook on the end of a two or three foot leader—a three-footer is preferred—and you're in business. If you can't find the

proper length in your tackle shop, check the catalogs offered by several mail order companies which advertise in The Fisherman. Most carry leader material in forty-seven inch lengths. When finished with a Perfection Loop, or a double-overhand knotted loop, each leader will be close enough. If you know how to snell a loose hook directly to the leader, so much the better.

(If you wish, send a stamped, self-addressed #10 business envelope to me at my home: 39 King Street, Hampton Bay, N.Y. 11946, and I'll send you a 32-page DuPont booklet on knot tying by return mail. Listed are two methods on hook-snelling and it is yours free. Just get in touch.)

Now we come to a question which can be a little ticklish: exactly where on the main line does one attach the leader? I know many fishermen never consider this question at all—they couldn't care less—but there isn't a crackerjack fluke fisherman I know who hasn't given this question more than passing thought. These fellows have found from experience that any attachment higher than three inches above the sinker will cost them fish. Don't scoff. I've experimented along these lines for years and I can't fault them one bit on their choice.

I've tied in a three-foot leader as high as two-and-a-half feet above the sinker and never caught a fluke; I've lowered it to eighteen inches and picked away here and there—but the closer I placed that leader to the sinker, the more fluke I caught. Outside of the idea that doing this allows better bait presentation, I can't give you the reason—but I do think we fishermen best give it some thought.

It isn't necessary to measure an exact three inches (even a little less is okay); your eye will come close enough. You can use a suitable sized three-way swivel—2/0 or 3/0. I leave the choice of swivels to you. I never use them because, as stated before, I'm a stickler for "the less hardware, the better." Some fellows use swivels in fast currents, but if this is your sole reason, you're looking for fluke in the wrong place. Areas which contain slow-moving currents are the best fluke producers.

Actually, all that's necessary is to tie in a one inch loop made with a double-overhand knot at the prescribed distance above the sinker. If you are proficient in forming acceptable dropper loops without employing overhand knots—good for you. These have always given me trouble when tying in close quarters.

Remember to use short jigging lifts of the rod when using live bait (two inch lifts are just what the doctor ordered). When using cut bait, you can allow more action—but be careful...not too much. Remember what was mentioned in Part One about finicky fluke. You've got to make that bait appear natural; that's the secret to today's fluke fishing.

As for the rest of your tackle, a medium-weight spinning rod and matching reel filled with fifteen pound test good quality mono is best for bay fishing. In the ocean, you can use either a conventional medium-weight rod and a reel filled with twenty pound test mono, or the equivalent in spinning tackle. My choice in these areas is always conventional gear.

A bank sinker is always best, but any type except the surf fisherman's pyramid design will do. And don't use more weight than is necessary for the area you are fishing. You'll find in bays and other sheltered waters, a two or three ounce sinker is sufficient. If tidal currents increase during the day, you can go as high as five ounces; but beyond that, figure you are fishing an area which offers only heartaches.

Many fishermen wonder about proper depth for good fluke action. This is also ticklish. I've caught fluke in a foot of water and I've caught them in depths reaching over one hundred feet. Never overly concern yourself about proper depth, for fluke will go anywhere in search of food. Now, if you were to tie me down and threaten me with a horsewhip, I guess I'd tell you I've found the best all-around depth for average fishing would be fifteen or twenty feet, particularly along the edges of deep channels similar to Reynolds Channel in the Long Beach area—especially from buoy 9 west.

To use a chum pot, or not to use a chum pot—that, as Bill Shakespeare said, is the question. Of course, if you drift for your fluke, a chum pot is of no value; but many fishermen like to anchor and cast around the boat. I enjoy this myself and quite often I'll look for a quiet spot in my fishing area and get the anchor over. But I rarely use a chum pot, for when I do, I have usually managed to garner quite a collection of monstrous sea robins and outsized toad fish—and few fluke.

But if you insist on using a chum pot, fill it with either ground mossbunker or the contents of several cans of fish-flavor cat food. My preference leans to the bunker. Bounce the pot occasionally to disperse the goo into the current and fish close to it. Not only do I wish you luck with a chum pot, but you also have my blessings. I'm sure to get some flack on this, too, but I'm only relating personal experiences.

Don't forget a net. Long gone are the days when it mattered little if a lifted fluke dropped off the hook on the way over the rail. You're going to work hard for your fluke, so you might as well have everyting going for you. And net that fish head-first—the surest way to lose a fluke is to approach it from the tail. Touch that tail and I don't care how exhausted that fish may be, your chances of landing it have gone down the drain.

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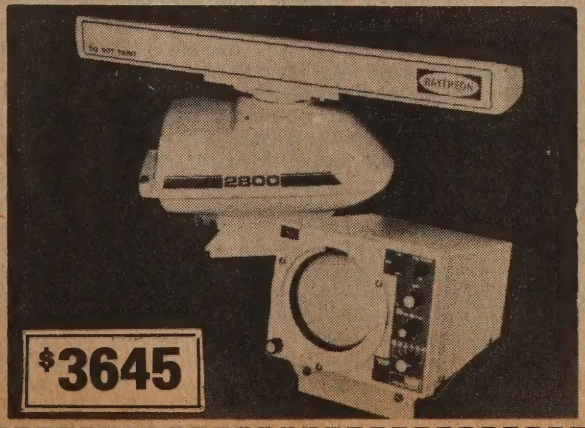

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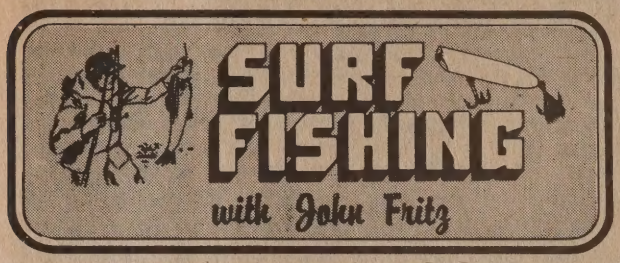

JUNE AT JONES

The arrival of the month of June boosts the expectations of many segments of Long Island's population. Graduation and summer recess is but a short time away for students, while the beach crowd can be assured that the time for sunburns and swimming has begun. Loving couples intent on spending a life together have prepared for the traditional June wedding, with the working-man yearning for that summer vacation after a long year's labors. For the surf fishing clan, the coming of June signifies that the long-awaited opportunity to confidently seek cow bass has arrived; and one of the more productive areas to pursue these fish is in the West End area of Jones Beach.

Later in the summer these bass will disperse throughout the back bay, but at this early stage of the season, their numbers swelled by lingering migrants looking for a quick meal before continuing along the coast, the bass will feed in a veritable cornucopia of bait. Unlike Fire Island inlet with its long lead to the productive bay areas, Jones is but a short distance from the seemingly sterile ocean floor to the fertile inner waters. The deep waters of the State Channel here are fed by several large creeks which converge in this location, providing ample fodder for striped bass and other game fish which have been on limited rations over the winter.

Sand eels, spearing, bunker, crabs, worms, shrimp or flounders hurriedly leaving the warming bays for the cooler offshore waters are but a part of momma bass' diet. Because the variety of bait is so diverse, the choice of lures cannot be limited to specific sizes or types, but rather a large selection should be carried and tried until the productive combination is found.

Before we delve deeper into which lures can be used at what particular time, let me cover some basics such as equipment and directions.

Assuming everyone knows how to get to Jones Beach, follow the signs to the parking field designated West End #2. For those desiring to fish after sunset—which is by far the most productive time to fish this area—a free night fishing permit must be obtained at the Administration Building. This permit must be displayed on the dashboard of all vehicles parked in the lot after dark.

After entering the parking field, proceed to the northeast corner, park and lock the car. After readying the necessary equipment, walk north towards the Coast Guard Station but as you approach the enclosure, bear left and continue along the outside of the fence until the water's edge is reached. The angler should find himself standing on rubble, piled along the waterline to protect the shore. To the right, or east, will be found a sandy beach directly in front of the Coast Guard building, on the far side of which is the Short Beach marina. Towards the left, or west, lies the inlet beyond a stretch of rubble-strewn shore line terminating with the old construction dock. Upon reaching the far end of the dock, the channel which heretofore ran east to west takes a 90° turn to the south and becomes the inlet itself. Just south of this elbow a sand bar is found which, under normal conditions, angles into the inlet in a southwesterly direction. Further south along the breakwater are various points from which to fish before entering upon the jetty; but this is another phase of fishing this area which I will not dwell upon.

Described above is a considerable length of beach, any part of which at any given time will produce fish. Since the outgoing tide is considered the most fruitful time to fish here, a suggested itinerary could consist of the following.

Begin by checking out the lagoon found in the marina area at high water, for this is a natural habitat for quantities of bait which are often harassed by feeding game fish. As the tide starts to drop proceed to the sandy beach in front of the Coast Guard Station, for on many occasions the bass or weaks will lurk in this area waiting for the bait to be flushed from the lagoon. If no action is forthcoming, work west along the shore and try the western end of the construction dock—another prime area. If fishing from a bulkhead is not appealing, proceed around the corner and edge out onto the sand bar located a short distance beyond the pier. This area should be attempted during the later stages of the tide; but if time permits and darkness and ebbing tide are still available, work along the breakwater towards the ocean as far as possible or until enough effort has been expended for one night.

Whether it is preferable to try to cover the entire area as described or pick one location and work it for the complete tide is a matter of personal preference. Since this is an extensive area, it is most likely better to choose one section of shore line and work it thoroughly. Which area to choose depends on bait concentrations, wind direction and preferences in techniques. Newcomers are advised to scout the area beforehand in the daylight at low tide in order to gain a general idea of the layout and potential of each part. For instance, when fishing from the construction dock or marina thought must be given as to how a large fish will be landed. Some areas are littered with construction debris which makes pursuit of a running fish difficult. Along the inlet breakwater, it is possible to wade out in certain locations amongst a sea bed strewn with rocks. The exact lie of

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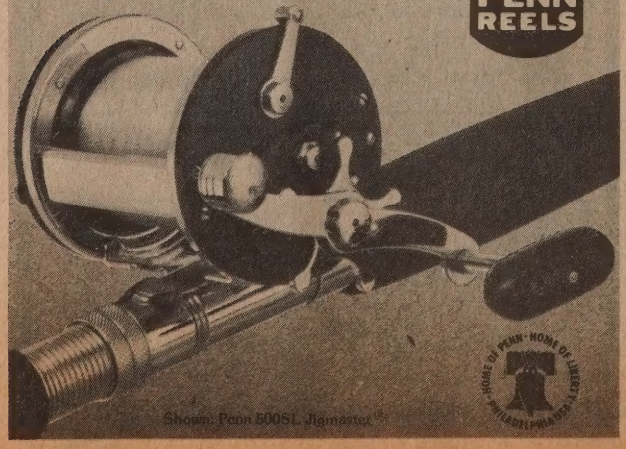

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the sand bar should be studied to ascertain the best fishing points—but more important, to pinpoint the safe path to be taken when coming or going in the dark.

The type of tackle used depends to a certain degree on the angler's ability in handling good-sized fish in fast moving water. Since on many occasions lightweight lures are necessary, heavy equipment is inappropriate and cumbersome. Nine or ten foot light action rods with a reel similar to the Penn #710 and spooled with ten, twelve, or possibly fifteen pound test line will suffice. In order to prepare for unforeseen incidents, it is advisable to start with a spool of ten pound test line, but carry an extra spool filled with fifteen should the need arise. In this way an angler will be able to achieve maximum casting distance without detracting from the action of the lighter plugs and still be able to change to heavier line if large fish are encountered in an area with little room for mistakes.

Strong north or northwest winds seriously hinder fishing in this area. One reason is that the wind will be in your face, hampering the casting of lightweight lures. Secondly, this wind will roil the water and push great quantities of eel grass and weed along the shore to be fished. Northeast and east winds can be avoided by working the inlet area, although an angler will frequently be bothered by weed wrenched loose from the sod banks in the bay and flushed seaward by the dropping tide. Winds from a southerly direction are at the back, aiding the cast and driving away pesky insects; however a southwest wind could be troublesome for those fishing the inlet. Calm nights are ideal for swimming plugs show up conspicuously against the calm surface. But, on the other hand, the mosquitoes will be out in droves to attack any warm-blooded creature. Long sleeve top and hat are recommended, along with copious amounts of insect repellent, but try not to touch the lures or line with hands covered with ointment. The inside of the fingers should be wiped clean, for some repellents will react with the monofilament line and thereby weaken it. These sprays also have a distinct odor which not only drives away the bugs, but will possibly repel a fish sizing up the lure. Small bluefish are a real possibility, so carry a few wire leaders just in case.

The final choice of lures depends to a large extent on the bait prevalent in the area at the time. If small bait is to be found, then five inch Rebel type lures should be used. Sinking plugs, although proven fish catchers, may be somewhat limited in their application in this region with the possible exception being the sandy beach in front of the Coast Guard Station, the inlet sand bar or the boat basin itself. The other areas are littered with rocks and construction material which will readily foul a plug swum too near the bottom.

If the Rebel type plug is to be employed, there are a few thoughts to be taken into consideration. When the current is weak, lures which impart the greatest action should be used. This could be lures such as the jointed Rebel or RedFin or a small, metal-lipped plug similar to the Spin Atom or small Danny. When the flow increases, a switch to the standard five inch Rebel Types is advised; but as the current approaches full velocity care should be taken to ensure that the plug does not generate too much wiggle so as to seem unnatural. In such a case, a change to a slow-working plug such as the Hellcat or MirroLure could achieve better results. As stated, a sinking plug if permitted to bounce the bottom could result in a lost lure, but if the retrieve is accelerated the lure can be worked to a greater depth than the floater and entice those fish sulking near the bottom. A better choice might be to change to a RedFin which has been weighted with three cc's of water.

When tiny bait is present, the addition of a teaser will often produce results when the larger plugs are being scored. Whether this teaser is a feathered streamer fly or a small Red Gill is a matter of personal preference. Some anglers swear by the feather, but many Cape surfmen feel the new Red Gill is more effective.

Occasionally schools of tinker mackerel or bunker are the dominant bait species. When this condition is encountered, larger plugs are often needed. Seven inch RedFins, Rebels or Rapalas will better imitate these larger baitfish, with the larger sized RedFin loaded with six to nine cc' of water preferable to the sinking model. In slow moving water Atom 40s and similar plugs better resemble the sluggish bunker. Then there are those occasions when small and medium darters and bottle plugs are essential in reaching distant fish or to generate a specific action to tempt finicky feeders.

Color is secondary to choosing the plug with the fish pleasing action—although yellow and white are favored by many surfmen familiar with these waters. If tinker mackerel inhabit the area, the use of plugs painted to simulate these fish can be an advantage. On those dark, overcast nights black or darkly colored plugs are more readily perceived by predator fish with a corresponding slow retrieve allowing more time for detection.

Baitfishing in this area is rather difficult if the stationary weighted bait is considered, although it is possible. It is recommended that the angler copy the techniques used by the sharpies further east—which is to snag a bunker or tinker mackerel and liveline them into the current. This practice is more readily accomplished from the construction pier or in the marina. If no natural bait is present for this purpose, live eels can be substituted with rewarding results.

The opportunities offered in this area are abundant, limited only by the persistence and skill of the angler. For those so inclined, daylight fishing can produce bluefish and fluke at this time of the year. Generally, this is an area frequented by hard working, tight-lipped surfmen secure in the knowledge they have gained of this shore line by hard work over many sleepless nights. Any fisherman can get lucky, but continued success is achieved only after one pays his dues. The West End area is one filled with potential, promising the angler who takes the time and makes the effort to learn its secrets many enjoyable outings.

Natucket Wrecks

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and thirty pound mono. You can forget about the Ava 27s here. Go for the six and eight ounce jigs, or even much larger ones if you're using heavier line. Remember: the lighter your line, the les weight you'll need to get down. I use this rod when we first arrive at the wreck, and then set it aside in case the pollack should suddenly reappear.

As the weather at the time of year these trips are made can vary from hot and calm to rough and chilly, it makes sense to carry a variety of clothing. There's no point to shivering all morning or sweating at noon simply due to lack of proper clothing. You palefaces should also remember that sunburn can be a real problem in June—bring a cap and suntan lotion or sunscreen! Especially when the fishing is hot and heavy, it's easiest to operate with slickers and rubber boots, though that gear may become just too warm as the morning wears on.

As noted earlier in this article, there is little likehood of hitting a bad trip to the Nantucket wrecks. With Loran C to put the boats right on without any hassle, it's possible to work several wrecks in a day. That normally isn't necessary, but it's nice to know that there are plenty of alternatives. Only very bad weather (which always fouls up wreck fishing) is likely to hold down your catch. On a normal trip, the average angler shouldn't have any trouble catching over one hundred pounds of fine eating fish. The serious fisherman will probably haul more like 250 lbs. to 300 lbs., and catches of 500 lbs. or more aren't unusual. There's no better place in our region to catch a huge cod, and world record pollack are always a possibility. All things considered, a Nantucket wreck trip is an event every party boat fisherman should try at least once. Chances are, like most regulars, you'll keep coming back for more!

Big Boston Macks like this one put up quite a show when taken on light tackle.

Most fishermen associate mackerel fishing with offshore party boats, multiple hook rigs, and heavy tackle capable of hauling four fish at a time over the rail—real meat fishing as buckets and sacks are soon bulging with two pound mackerel. Unfortunately, under such fantastic fishing conditions, as well as overweight gear, the poor mack develops a reputation as nothing more than an oversized baitfish, yet it can be done of the most exciting species to catch, if given a chance to show its potential.

First, put aside your meat stick or get that kind of fishing out of your system once the freezer is filled. Next, take a light spinning rod aboard a skiff on Long Island Sound in May when the mackerel migration is in full swing. Bring along a variety of metal lures from three-quarter to three ounces: tin squid, spoons, diamond jigs, imitation sand eels, in short, anything that flashes in chrome or silver. Although mackerel feed on a variety of foods, including squid, worms, plankton, and baitfish, strangely enough they are not fond of natural bait offerings. But cast a lure that resembles a spearing or sand eel and they will pounce on it with relish. In fact, you are more likely to catch a mackerel with some tin foil on a hook than with bait.

Because they have no swim bladders, mackerel are constantly on the go. If speeding violations were handed out along oceanic highways, mackerel would probably be among the most notorious scofflaws in the sea. They never stop, not even when hooked in their long, pointy mouths. On light tackle, mackerel put on a better show than weakfish of comparable size, and although they do not possess the strength of bluefish, their speed makes up for the difference.

All length and no bulk, a mackerel is a sleek, streamlined fish with tiny scales to reduce friction as it slices through the water. It is also a beautiful looking fish with a silvery colored body and blue-green stripes running almost perpendicular to the mid-line from its dark dorsal side. Like a boat with sails fore and aft, it has two widely separated dorsal fins and like the tuna (which incidentally, belongs to the mackerel family), it has two rows of finlets just ahead of a widely forked tail. Although there are many species of Atlantic mackerel, ours is the pelagic **Scomber scombrus**. Locals refer to large ones from two pounds to a rare four pounds, as big Boston mackerel. Another variety that frequents Long Island in August is the chub or tinker mackerel, a much smaller fish with a swim bladder. Because mackerel burn themselves out, they probably do not live longer than five years.

Before you take on mackerel with light gear, you may want to fill your freezer first. Use a multi-hook mackerel tree rig for this kind of fishing. Store-bought varieties usually consist of four tube-covered hooks on a five foot leader of forty pound test with a barrel swivel above and an end loop or snap below for the sinker. If you want to fashion your own, you will have to resort to three hooks on a four foot leader because longer ones are difficult to find. Connect one end to a barrel swivel with a clinch knot and tie a large snap on the other end with the same knot, or tie an end loop. Sinker weight on the Sound varies between two and eight ounces. A diamond jig is frequently substituted for the bank sinker because it shines and resembles a large baitfish chasing a school of smaller ones. But if a large jig must be used, remove the hook because it will be too large for mackerel and may snag. With smaller jigs, up to three ounces, the hook can be left on. Three droppers of about two-and-a-half inches each should be spaced from the sinkers as follows: nine, twelve, twelve inches, leaving about ten inches from the top hook to the swivel. The most commonly used hooks are long-shanked, open ring Limericks about 1/0 size with a small barrel swivel connected to the eye. Limericks are specially designed with bent shafts and kirbed points to hold two-and-a-half to three inch lengths of 3/16'' or 1/4'' plastic tubing, tapered to a point at one end. It is best to use a variety of colors on the rig, rather than relying on a single hue. The hooks are slipped through the droppers at the swivel and the stiff leader prevents them from tangling on the line. No snelled leaders are required. O'Shaughnessy hooks of the same size can also be used, with or

without swivels. Once the rig is prepared, it is connected to the main line at the barrel swivel with an improved clinch knot.

Jigging with mackerel trees is popular on party boats, but it can also be done from small boats on Long Island Sound. On party boats, people generally use six foot conventional rods with matching reels filled with twenty to thirty pound test. On a small boat, you can also use spinning gear, a seven to eight foot rod with a medium saltwater reel filled with twenty pound test. Find a likely area, which can be anywhere from twenty to eighty feet deep, and let the boat drift. Lower the rig to the bottom and tighten the line to keep the lures apart. Jig it regularly by lifting the rod up and down with long sweeps. Experiment with different levels by reeling in a few turns and jigging at the new level. Continue working your way up this way until you get a hit. The mackerel can be brought in immediately, but if you let it swim around, another curious mack will come along and before long, you may have a full tree straining your rod to its capacity. Reel in and grab hold of the heavy leader just below the swivel, and lift the rig over the side. If large schools of mackerel are in, you will have more than enough fish in a brief period.

Once you are satiated with this kind of fishing, you can break out the light tackle and see what a mackerel can really do. Bring along a light six foot spinner with any small matching reel filled with eight pound test. An improved clinch knot tied to a snap swivel makes it easy to change lures. Although mackerel have teeth, they are quite small, and shockers are not necessary. Start drifting, as before, and cast the lure ahead of the drift, i.e., in the direction you are going. Cast in an arc from around ten o'clock to two o'clock. If mackerel are feeding near the surface, you will get a hit as soon as the lure makes contact with the water. If not, let it sink to a lower level or to the bottom and then start cranking it in with a fast retrieve and a forceful whipping of the rod. Like blues, mackerel love to chase crippled baitfish, and casting methods are almost identical. A mackerel hit, however, will be lighter than the jolt of a blue; but playing the fish is just as exciting. The mackerel will take off with incredible speed—first in one direction, then in another. In fact, even when it is brought close to the boat, it will continue swimming at a furious pace on a short line—now shooting under the boat, then breaking through the surface and making it difficult to grab hold of the line. Care must be taken when attempting to lift the fish out of the water on eight pound test: the mackerel may hit the side of the boat with its long body or tail and you will lose it. A large landing net is useful, especially for bringing a three pounder over the side.

Mackerel fishing on the Sound usually begins in late April or early May. By the end of the month, the fish scatter and continue their northern migration. During the peak, enormous schools can be seen at times, but as the weather warms, most of the fish will be caught early in the day. Also, frequent storms out of the east break up the schools into smaller pockets and then it's hunt and find. But when mackerel appear in full force, you can fish for them all day on either tide. Check the local reports for Long Island Sound and the ads for rental skiffs on the north side. Most fishing stations are located in the mid-Island region between Huntington and Mt. Sinai, which means you will be fishing such places as Lloyd Pt., Eatons Neck, Cranes Neck, Old Field Pt., Mount Misery Pt., and Rocky Pt. Innumerable party boats go for mackerel, as well, in April on the south shore and in May on the north shore. If it is not crowded, you may be able to use spinning gear, but you should check this beforehand.

Once you experience catching mackerel on light tackle, you will want to return for more next spring. Unfortunately, mackerel take the blue water route on their southern migration in the fall. Then again, you never can be sure with fish—last summer while fishing for blues on the Sound, suddenly a school of misplaced Boston mackerel appeared and I fished for them the rest of the day. I did not feel cheated. Neither will you.

Assorted metal lures up to 3-oz. for mackerel are shown above. Below is a mackerel tree rig with diamond jig instead of a sinker.

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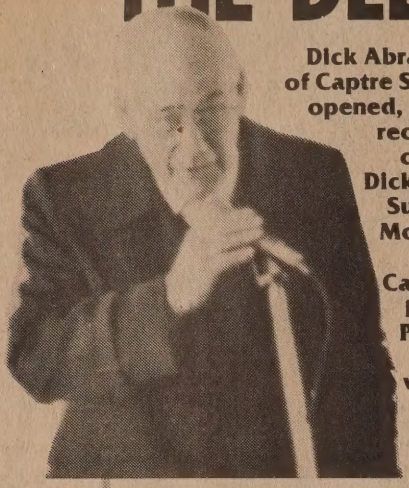
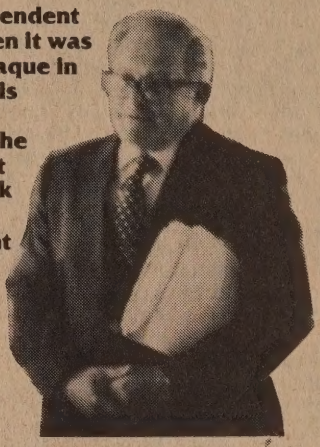


Dick Abrams, Superintendent of Captre State Park when it was opened, received a plaque in recognition of his contribution. Dick is now also the Super of Robert Moses State Park as well as Captree. At right is Capt. Bob Patafio of the Yankee III who acted as the host.



The rains threatened, some came down, the skies were overcast and the wind was howling—but the First Annual Blessing of the CAPTREE FLEET was held on Sunday, April 27th, in front of thousands of spectators who came to Captree State Park to view the event and inspect the party boats.

Brief speeches and awards were made aboard the CAPTREE SPRAY.

by
Stu Miller

SPEEDY VI pulled into her slip with a boatload of happy mackerel fishermen just minutes before the blessing.

The actual blessing of each vessel was done in the blustery wind by Father Revilla of Saint Joseph Church of Babylon and the Rev. McPhail of St. Peters Epicopal Church in Bay Shore.

NANTUCKET WRECKS: Party Boat Angler's Heaven!

by Al Ristori

If cod and pollack fishing turns you on, then you haven't lived until you've experienced a Nantucket wreck trip. Sure, there's good fishing for these species in waters a lot closer to Long Island at times during the late fall, winter and spring—and even during the summer on Coxes Ledge. However, only the exceptional days begin to compare with what is ordinarily available over a series of deep water wrecks located about 120 miles east of Montauk. Given half decent weather, it's a rare day indeed when everyone aboard doesn't load up—and some exceptionally big fish are usually taken.

The secret to the productivity of the Nantucket wrecks is a simple one: lack of pressure. Early in the Seventies, there were a few visits each year by the *Viking Star* and *Peconic Queen* from Montauk, and a very occasional trip by Sheepshead Bay party boats. Now the pressure is even lighter, as only the *Viking Starship* sails from Montauk, while the *Amberjack V* from Sheepshead Bay schedules only a special three-day trip in the spring and fall. There's plenty of time for the wrecks to fill in between trips—including an entire summer when none of the boats fish them.

Author with average size cod and pollock.

During the Seventies, I made quite a few trips to these wrecks aboard the *Viking Star*, plus a weekend journey on the *Amberjack IV*. While the fishing was always first class, the conditions were rather spartan for an extended trip. No longer is that the case. Sailing aboard the 140' *Viking Starship* last June was as comfortable as fishing locally. There was plenty of time to sleep in a full-sized bunk on the way out and back, leaving me well rested back at the dock for the ride home. Though I haven't fished aboard her as yet, I have been through the new *Amberjack V* and am sure that she'll be just as comfortable for an extended voyage.

Another very pleasant change in this trip from Montauk is its length. With the *Viking Star*, it took close to twenty-four hours to make the run back and forth, and still put in five hours of fishing. The twenty knot *Starship* cuts the running time down considerably, allowing for more fishing time (if necessary) and an earlier arrival back at the dock. The *Starship* sails at 11PM and returns around 7PM the following day. Twelve spring and fall trips are scheduled this year, with most leaving on Sunday nights. (For schedule, call 516-668-5700.) Reservations and deposits are a must.

Just a few years ago, location of these wrecks was a problem, even for a skipper as experienced as Paul Forsberg. Course and time would get Paul to the area, but the only hope for locating the wrecks rested with Loran A—and those stations weren't always too dependable. Once in the approximate area, the next problem involved the precise location of the wreck. This often required up to half an hour of searching time with the sonar. Therefore, I was amazed at the simplicity with which Paul is now able to locate these wrecks with "good numbers" and Loran C. With the numbers fed into the Loran C, the helmsman simply steered a course to the distant wreck. If he got off course, the Loran indicated how he could correct. When we hit the numbers, the Loran spelled out "ARRIVED." Paul flipped on the graph recorder and, sure enough, there was the wreck!

It pays to be ready as soon as you arrive at one of the Nantucket wrecks. At times, these wrecks are loaded with the biggest kind of pollack, many of which are potential record breakers. If they're there, the graph recorder will usually show a great cloud of fish hovering over the wreck—and just about every line will be hit on the way down. Many anglers rig with a jig for that first drop, and some also add a tube on a dropper above it. Frankly, I'd just as soon catch one twenty to forty pound pollack at a time—especially in 240' of water!

Even if you don't want anything to do with pollack, you may not have any choice when the fish are there. Skimmer clam baits being dropped to bottom with eight to twelve ounce sinkers are usually attacked almost as

readily as the jigs. Mates race around the boat gaffing pollack as fast as they can go, but can't keep up with the demand. The "bite" may last an hour or more, or shut off much sooner—so it pays to fish hard while the action lasts.

Pollack aren't always available when the boat arrives, but they can show up at any time. Some pros have theorized that resident pollack may leave the wreck when a school of squid or herring moves past. After chasing that school some distance, they then return to the wreck—where they still may find room for a tempting diamond jig. I well remember one brief flurry when I jigged a pollack that spit out a large squid so fresh that I was able to drop it to bottom and nail a big cod. On another trip, we fished a single wreck all morning without catching any pollack, only to have the fish move in during the last hour. Those who switched to jigs filled their bags in short order.

Of course, codfish are the major attraction on these runs. There's rarely any problem involved in catching a load, but the size can vary considerably. For instance, the trip I made last June produced big catches of small and medium cod, but few large fish. The pool fish was only in the forty pound class, a size that normally wouldn't even be in contention. Ordinarily, it would take a cod well over fifty pounds to be in the money, and sixty pounders are caught on some trips.

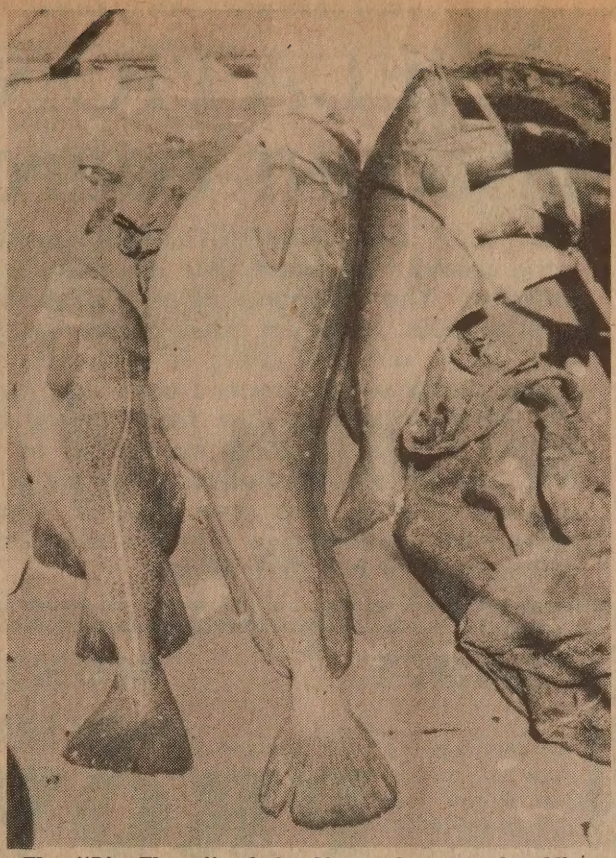
One species that almost never disappoints is the white hake. Though some are taken closer to Long Island, they seem to prefer colder waters and are thick on all of these wrecks. Just how abundant they are was illustrated by a TV documentary relating to diving on the "*Andrea Doria*," one of the wrecks in this area. Few other species were seen in those films, but big white hake were swimming in every nook and cranny investigated. Cod and pollack seem to live around the outside of the wrecks, while the hake penetrate well into the interior. That probably accounts for the fact that few hake come aboard at first, but that they tend to "take over" as the hours go by.

White hake look like great, overblown ling. In fact, that's just about what they are. The closely related ling is properly known as red hake, and grows to only eight pounds or so. White hake found on deep water wrecks are almost always bigger than the largest ling—and easily distinguished by their distinctive purple hue. White hake in the forty to sixty pound class are quite common on the Nantucket wrecks, and at times they actually beat out the largest cod for the $1 "almost anything goes" pool. Since they're just as soft as ling, it's important that they be gutted and iced down quickly. If properly cared for, the meat is delicious.

There are also plenty of other species to be found on the Nantucket wrecks. As is the case with deep water wrecks off the Jersey and Long Island coasts, there are some giant bergalls—many in the three pound class. Cusk and wolf-fish, two species normally taken only north of Cape Cod, also show up occasionally. On one fall trip, I even came up with a bluefish from the 240' depths. The largest angler (goosefish) I ever saw came aboard during one trip when many big cod and hake were boated. Though the pool fish were pushing sixty pounds, when someone put the angler on the balance, it picked the biggest cod right up. That angler had to go seventy pounds or more, but the fisherman who caught it threw it over before it could be weighed. That was unfortunate in more than one way, because the meat of the angler is of excellent quality.

All the action over these wrecks often attracts sharks, usually blues. At times they can be a minor problem, eating a few fish off the lines. However, at other times they seem to be well fed and only curious about what's going on. During the trips I've made, I've never seen more than one or two around at a time. Even then, they tend to lose interest and leave. If they don't, the crew will take care of the problem with a baited hook.

The best know of the Nantucket wrecks is the "Andrea Doria." Indeed, that was the wreck which first



The "Big Three" of the Nantucket wrecks. Nice cod (left), pollock (right), are dwarfed by a huge white hake in the center.

Steven Alexander balances the Scales of Justice with a large white hake and cod.

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attracted party boats to the area. However, the Andrea Doria is not the best of the wrecks—despite its size. A foreign trawler's net covers most of the vessel, leaving only a portion of the bow to fish on. Even then, if the boat shifts a little, there'll be hang-ups all over the boat. This is particularly annoying when you've been working a big fish off bottom, only to get stuck when you think you've gained the upper hand. Fortunately, there are five or six other wrecks in the general area that are somewhat smaller, but a lot more productive.

What do you need for a Nantucket wreck trip. The number one requirement is an efficient means of hauling back all the fish you're likely to catch. Though these trips are made in the late spring and early fall, it can be as warm as mid-summer at times. Fish that aren't iced down won't be worth eating by the time you get them home. The *Starship* makes its own ice, but with perhaps five tons of fish aboard, that supply may not be sufficient. It's a good idea to bring some of your own. Of course, the ice won't do you any good unless you can preserve it. The ideal solution is the Giant Igloo cooler. That box not only holds up to three hundred pounds of whole fish, but is especially well suited to handling the huge specimens that come aboard during these trips. I put my fish into the Igloo as they're caught, and then fillet or steak them on the way in. With the Igloo hosed out, the prepared meat goes back into the box in bags. Be sure to prevent even cold water from coming into direct contact with fish flesh.

Tackle should be on the heavy side, due to the 240' depths. The same boat reels that do the job inshore have sufficient capacity for this codfishing, but you'll probably find it more comfortable to reel up from those depths with a 4/0. The rod should definitely have a lot of backbone. Nothing more than fifty pound mono is necessary. That's heavy enough to catch anything that might hit, and you'll have a heck of a time trying to break it if you get stuck in the wreck. Terminal rigging should be simple. A single large cod hook on a heavy leader is rigged about three feet above the sinker. A second hook isn't advisable, as you really don't want double-headers of forty to sixty pound fish—and the second hook could get caught in the wreck as you're bringing another fish in. These fish aren't fussy eaters, and you shouldn't miss many bites. Sinkers can range from eight ounces up.

I always bring a spare reel for the cod rod and set up another, lighter rig for jigging pollack. As pollack normally are hooked at mid-depths and jigging them requires a lot of work with the rod, I prefer to use a boat reel in the 2½/0 to 3/0 class with a slightly lighter rod

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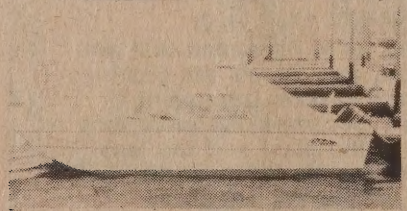

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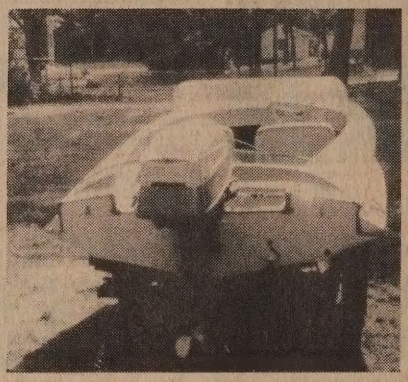

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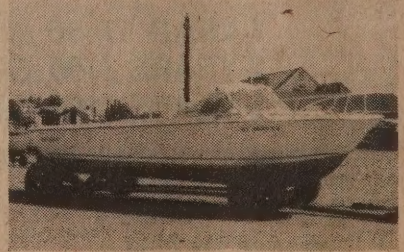

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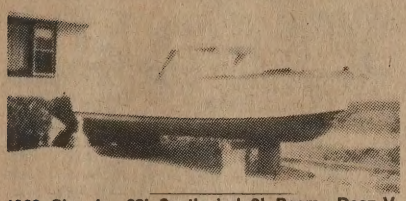

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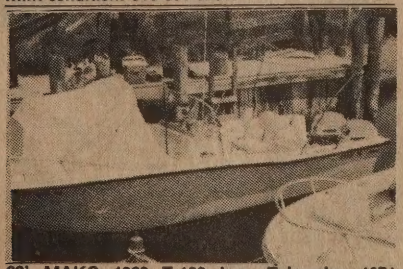

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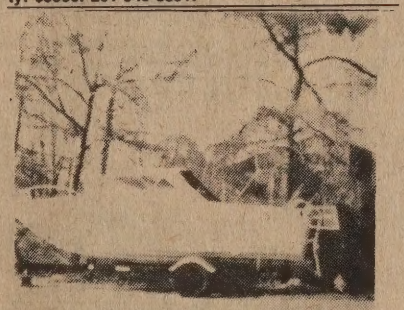

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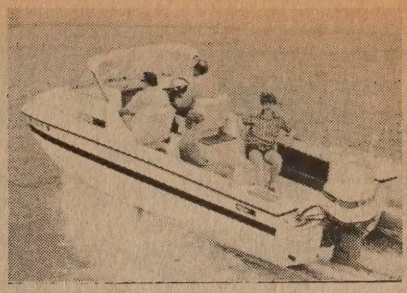

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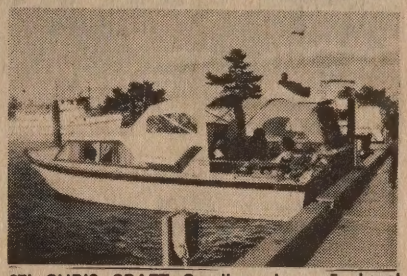

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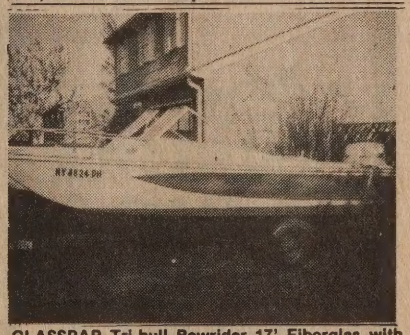

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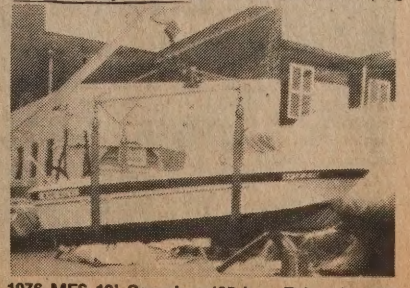

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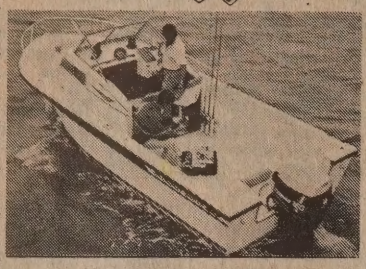

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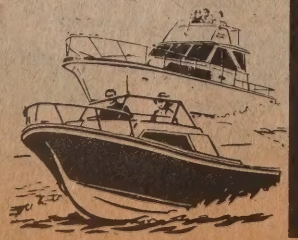

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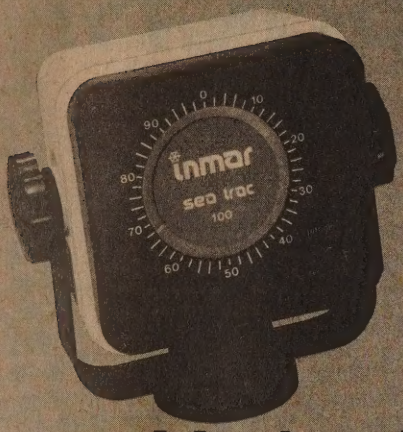

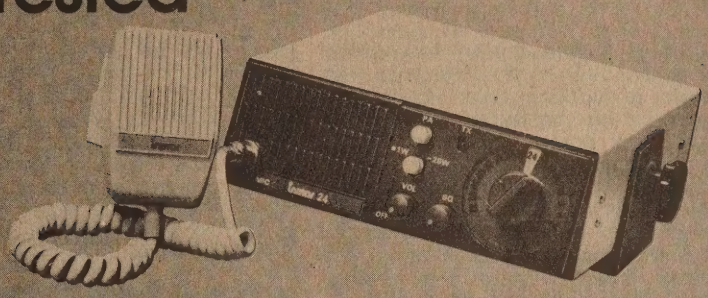

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PECONIC BAY PORGIES—

HIT A HUMPBACK!

by Gerald Hahn

Once in awhile during the spring weakfish run in the Peconics, an angler is suddenly taken aback by a powerful hit that turns out to be a humpback porgy. Saddened by his squeteague metamorphosing into a scup, he forgets that he was not only fooled during the bout, but also impressed by its performance. Nevertheless, he resumes fishing for weaks, whether or not they are in. This fisherman may not realize it, but he is missing out on a treat as unique as going for tiderunners in Peconic Bay. Humpback porgies from 1½ to 3 lbs., have arrived for their brief run (usually only a couple of weeks) before they will move offshore and probably beyond the reach of this small boat fisherman. Just as ten pound tiderunners will soon be replaced by their younger two pound relatives, so will three pound humpbacks say goodbye to the protected waters of this bay, leaving in their wake numerous one-half to three-quarter pound sand and bay porgies.

Humpbacks arrive in Peconic Bay any time from mid-May to early June, but once they are in, fine catches can be made within a brief period with far greater regularity than when weakfishing. There are many excellent spots to try and several methods, as well. I usually bring along two rods for this kind of fishing, partly in case the weather changes; partly because I get restless with one rod in my hand. On a clear, calm day, nothing is more exciting than a light six foot spinning rod with a reel equivalent to the Mitchell 300 filled with eight to ten pound test monofilament. A large porgy can plunge the rod tip right into the water. But when winds kick up the bay, a light conventional boat rod with revolving spool reel, e.g., the Penn Beachmaster filled with fifteen pound test mono is much better for additional weight and line control. Sinker weight varies here from two to five ounces and there are days when even a six ounce bank will barely hold bottom, but at such times it is better to go to a movie.

There are two basic rigs for large porgies: the first is the standard two-hook bottom rig with two #1 beak or claw, baitsaver hooks on twelve inch snells of thirty pound test leader, one leader tied to the middle of the other. The snelled leaders can be put on a snap swivel along with the sinker, tying the sna, to the main line with an improved clinch knot. Or you can dispense with the hardware and use an end loop on the main line for the sinker and a dropper loop for the snelled hooks, two to three inches above the sinker. An equally productive second rig is a modified hi-lo. Two droppers

Humpback porgies can be taken in Peconic Bay near the end of the spring run of weakfish.

are tied in the main line above an end loop for the sinker. The first dropper should be about two inches above the sinker and the second, a little over a foot above the first. Unlike bay porgies, humpbacks often prefer the top hook. In fact, I have taken many large porgies while weakfishing with a whole sand worm four feet above the sinker. The term "bottom fishing," is not exactly true when it comes to humpbacks.

Two baits are worth experimenting with here: sand worms and skimmer clams. Cut the worm into generous servings, not those meagre one inch bits you use for bay porgies. Don't worry about leaving some trail below. Even with porgies, big fish like big baits. Slice the clam into strips and twist it on several times, again letting some dangle below the point. Some days humpbacks will go for squid cut into rectangular wedges, about one-half by two inches.

Not only are there at least two rigs and two baits for humpbacks, but also two ways you can fish for them: anchoring and drifting. Anchoring at a likely spot will probably be more productive, provided you bring along a chum pot filled with cracked musssels, or clams, or ground bunker. Once you get them under your boat, there is no stopping them; but if nothing happens after a half hour of chumming, try another spot. Although drifting for humpbacks usually produces fewer fish, it has some advantages over anchoring. For one, hits are more forceful because the fish has no time to play with the bait, and less is stolen. For another, it is possible to catch other species this way without losing out on the porgy fishing. Use the tandem rig for drifting and add a third hook above, a 2/0 beak or claw on a three to four foot leader of thirty pound test; set up to clear the bottom hooks. This can be done with another dropper loop, or better, with a three-way swivel and a four foot length of thirty pound test leader material, as follows: connect the leader and main line to the swivel with improved clinch knots. The third eye of the swivel is for the long-snelled hook. An end loop on the leader takes care of the sinker, and a dropper loop two inches above the sinker, secures the tandem rig. Stiffer material use here, will prevent the long snell from twisting around the main line. With a whole sand worm or a four inch pennant-shaped strip of squid on the high hook, you may drift into an outgoing tiderunner or an incoming fluke or bluefish. Of course, a high hook can be used from an anchored position, as well; but with active predators, drifting is better.

Where to fish for large porgies is no problem in the Peconic system. In the south Race off Robin's Island, buoys 25 and 26 are well established spots, as is the Cow Neck area between buoys 28 to 30, northeast of the Shinnecock Canal. Sand bars are always likely haunts, especially on the outgoing tide. One prominent bar is at the southern tip of Robin's Island, just north of buoy 26, where humpbacks wait for small crustaceans to tumble into the dropoff. Before leaving this area, a nice spot to try away from the fleet is just south of buoy 4 on the northwest side of Robin's. Heading east, you can work off either the North Fork or the South. A white house off Nassau Pt. on the north side, marks another sand bar area similar to the configu-

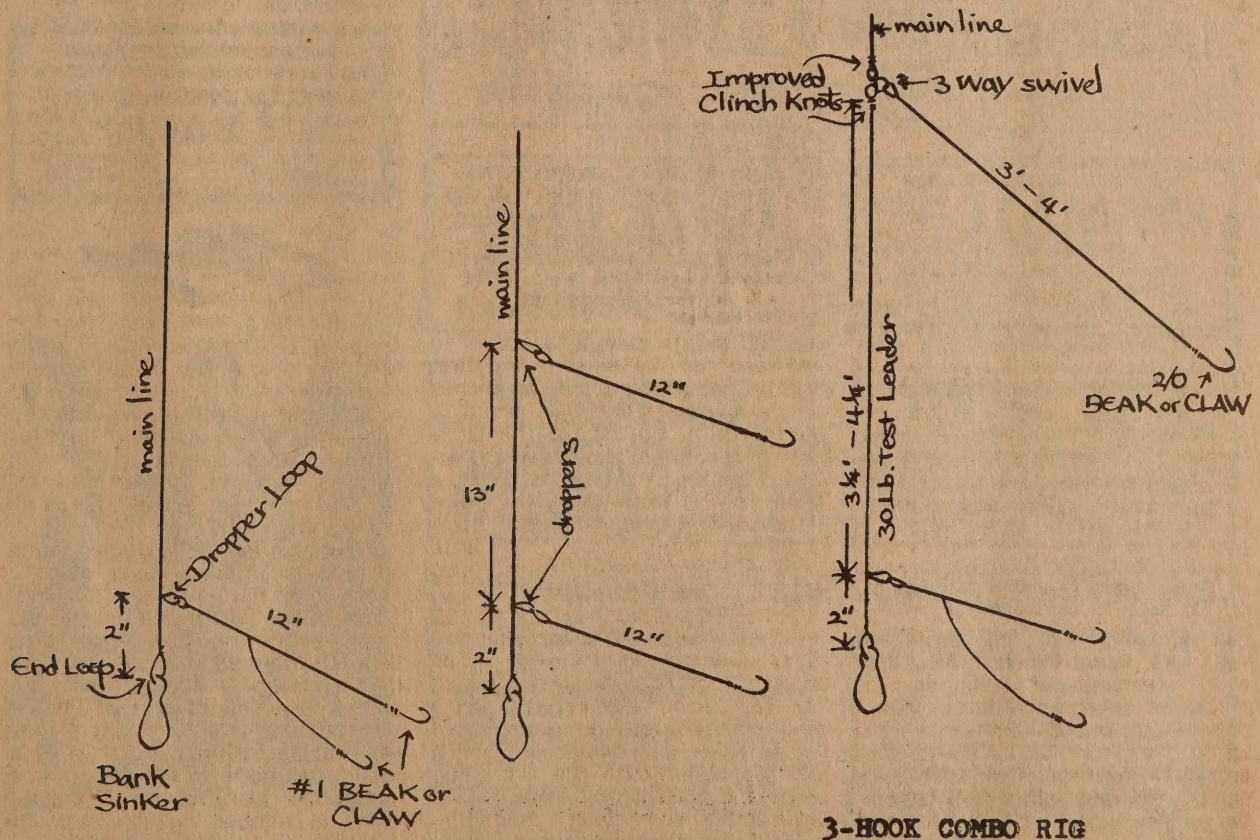
ration at Robin's. This is northeast of buoy 22. On the south side, you can fish off popular Rose's Grove. Fish fairly close to shore in about twenty-five feet of water, working east or west of the prominent radio tower. An excellent sand bar becomes visible—seemingly out of nowhere—on the ebb tide, just west of the tower. You can line it up (from an easterly view) with a sand cliff on the south shore to the west, taking a position just west of a straight line formed by the tower and the house on Nassau Pt. The party boats, Brand X out of Greenport and Capt. Clark out of Shinnecock Canal, both find it worthwhile to anchor here as they make their rounds. So should you. Continue east again and you arrive at Jessup's Neck and the Middle Grounds. Start with the fish traps on the west side of Jessup's and work in the cove formed by this long peninsula and the south mainland. Some days, long drifts can be taken north and south here, between buoys 17 and 18, which puts you through many different depths. This is one of the deepest parts of Peconic Bay, but most of the porgies will probably be in the twenty to thirty foot depths. By now, you are in the vicinity of Shelter Island and its west side can be quite productive. Anchor or drift off the "greenlawns," two identical houses on two rising lawns. A little south of this spot, another sand bar is formed at Paradise Pt. on the northern mainland to the west and you can work the dropoff here, as you did at Nassau Pt. and Robin's Island. Finally, you can fish the waters of Noyac Bay, off buoy 16 and the south ferry area between North Haven and Shelter Island. Any farther east and you will be entering Gardiner's Bay.

Of course, you do not want to try all these spots from a rental skiff in a single day. If you did, you would spend more time on a pleasure cruise than fishing. Fishing stations will provide you with information on recent concentrations of humpbacks and you should plan to work those areas thoroughly before moving on. Either tide can be fished with greatest potential around a tidal change. Humpbacks will hit, rain or shine; but avoid days with high winds. The boat will bounce around too much, drifts will be too fast, and anchoring up difficult.

On the south side, boat rentals are available in Hampton Bays and Noyac; on the north side, New Suffolk and Southold. Fishing hours are usually from five or six in the morning to four or five in the afternoon. Watch for local reports in this magazine for the arrival of humpback porgies—some time during the weakfish run or soon after.

If you think bottom fishing for porgies is too relaxing when compared to the excitement of weakfishing, let me say that a two pound weak is no match for a two pound porgy. And if your weakfishing sojourns have resulted in more misses than hits, then hit a humpback this season.

3 RIGS



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Pat Devers, Jon Sammis and Sean Heslin with pollack up to 30 lbs. taken south of Block Island on green bananas aboard the Barbara M. Photo courtesy of Gone Fishing Marina.

MONTAUK
★ BEST BET ★
POLLACK

Captain John DeMaio of the charter boat **Vivienne** reported that a "trickle of bass" has moved into the waters around the Point. On Friday, he took his first two bass of the season at the Elbow and he scored with another five on Sunday and five on Monday. The bass average about 18 lbs. and he has been taking them all on De-May-O jigs. Flounder fishing has been pretty good around Shagwong and along Gin Beach with the fish averaging 1½ to 2 lbs.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** reported that the flounder action has been very good for medium size fish at Rocky Point, Shagwong and Gin Beach, but the boat traffic was a little heavy on the holiday weekend. Striped bass have made their showing in the rips off the Point but it's a tough pick.

Capt. Phil Lewis of the **Adios** for the 3rd consecutive year in a row was the first boat to produce good bass catches. He reports that there is a lot of bait in the water and that is a good sign. On Thursday they caught 19 trolling tubes. A 45 pounder was brought in by Ted Theofel of Centerport. Capt. Tom McCann was aboard and brought in a 3 bagger, a 30 pounder, 20 pounder and a 13 pounder on one rig. Sunday died off a bit for the bass, but they had 3 in the morning and 3 in the afternoo. Bass fishing is still "ify", you never know what will hapen. You've got to get out there and hope it will be your day for good luck and perfect timing.

Last week we reported in this column that Robert Shane of **Shane's Marine** caught a 35 lb. pollack aboard a Montauk charterboat. Robert corrected our error and told us that the angler that actually caught this 35 lb. pollack was Dick Willie.

Charter boat **Montauk** called to tell us that he had a substantial catch of big pollack Saturday in the 20 to 30 lb. range on diamond jigs along with a good mess of macks, blackfish, sea bass and cod. Sunday's charter boated 50 bluefish on diamond jigs and on umbrellas, fish in the 3 to 5 lb. range at Block Island. The skipper advised us of the good bass catch made by **Adios**, as noted elsewhere in this column. He also advised that he has seen some sharks and that the water temp is now 59½ degrees which is very condusive for these big critters.

Captain Phil Lewis of the "Adios" with a 45 lb. striper taken along with 18 others trolling the Elbow at Montauk.

John DeVita, Rich Leath and Jim Nicolaidis with 76 nice flounder taken near buoy 42 on worms.

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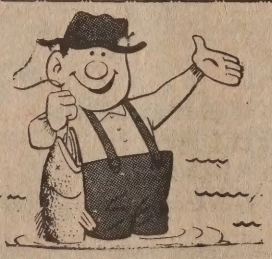

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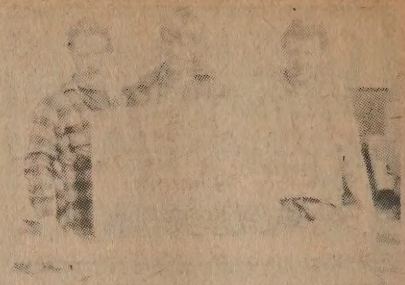
Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** reported that the best weakfishing in the area has been occurring late in the day and at night. Jessups, the Middle Grounds and Rose's Grove have all been producing fish ranging from 3-12 lbs. on jelly worm/squid strip combos and sand worms. Plenty of small blues in the area being taken on lures meant for weakfish. Porgies and blackfish put in an appearance this past week. Big humpbacks up to 3 lbs. taken in the South Race on squid, clams and worms.

HAMPTON BAYS

Mickey from **Corr's Fishing Station** reported excellent flounder action off of Greenlawns. Many of the fish were in the 2-2½ lb. class. One angler took 80 big flatties in two hours using sand worm bait. As for the weakfishing in Peconic Bay, Mickey reported that most boatmen do best late in the day providing they can get under the bluefish. Some fluke up to 4 lbs. being taken in the Shinnecock Canal.

The **Capt. Clark II** reports excellent weakfishing over the weekend despite heavy boat traffic. Fish are still ranging from 8 to 12 lbs. The boat is also doing a good job on porgies in the 2 to 3 lbs. class.

Ronald Seminera and Richie Long with a catch of 137 flounder taken at buoys 38 and 39 on worms and mussel chum. The pair fished out of Silly Lily Fishing Station.



Walter and Gary Czekaj and Ron Guntti with 70 nice flounder taken on worms at Haven's Point. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

MORICHES BAY

Rudlolph Lipponer and wife had 124 keeper flounder Friday fishing worm and red dyed clams. They told Al of **Highway Fishing Station** where they sailed from, that this was the best day's fishing they ever had in their lives. Al says the other rental skiffs averaged about 60 keeper flounders apiece. Fishing in general has been good for flounders. A few large fluke were caught over the weekend including a 4 and a 6 pounder. There are also scattering of blowfish around the buoy 42 area.

Bob at **East Moriches Bait and Tackle** reported real good flounder fishing in the vicinity of buoys 31 and 39. Worms still account for the best scores. Boatmen trolled bluefish at the inlet on umbrella rigs during the past week and fluke have begun establishing themselves in the inlet area.

Westhampton Marine Supply tells us that Bill Geller and Jerry Backerman boated 25 flounder and 2 blowfish fishing Moriches Bay on worms. George Lindveit had 6 weakfish which he took in Peconic Bay off Robin's Island, fish up to 12 lbs. This was on squid strips.

MASTIC BEACH

Stiriz' Fishing Station reports great flounder from buoy 25 to 27 on bloodworms. These are thick fish going from ½ to 1¼ lbs. Weakfish action very good at buoy 12 on red or white jelly worms fished on a leadhead. These are fish running 3 to 10¼ lbs. though the smaller fish predominate. Blues are spotty but will hit just about anything, as usual The fluke are starting small in the 17-20'' range. Best bet for fluke is between buoys 19 and 25 on sand eels, squid or live killies. Blueclaws are just starting.

GREAT SOUTH BAY

★ BEST BET ★

FLUKE

SAYVILLE

From **Young's Fishing Station** Bob Lee told us that although the weakfish action has been hindered by heavy boat traffic, all of his rentals have still managed to return with a fish or two. Jeri Dibari took 3 weakfish up to 10 lbs., along with a pair of sea bass. Tony Lopez clicked with 3 tiderunners to 10½ lbs. at Ocean Beach using sand worms and jelly worms. Fluke, sea bass and blackfish all mixed with the weaks from Point O'Woods to Ocean Beach. Plenty of blues in the 3-4 lb. class roaming the Bay.

WEST SAYVILLE

Vinnie of **South Bay Fishing Station** relayed word that the weakfishing at Ocean Beach and Cherry Grove has had its ups and downs in recent days. Bluefish are mixed with the weaks and wreaking havoc with jelly worms. Those weaks being taken in the area run mostly from 7-12 lbs. Sandworms have been outproducing the jellies. A good supply of bluefish in the 3-5 lb. class throughout the South Beach area. Jim Walsh and son took 6 weaks up to 11 lbs. on Friday while Gary McDonald and Paul O'Connell managed 10 of the yellowfins on Thursday. Both catches were made in the Ocean Beach area on sand worms.

OAKDALE

John at **J&R Sports Center** weighed an 11 lb. 5 oz. weak for Rolf Hoffman on Thursday. The fish was taken on a sand worm at Ocean Beach. On Friday, Joey Bragan, Sr. checked in a 14 lb. 2 oz. tiderunner which took a strawberry jelly worm in West Channel. Plenty of fluke in the inlet area on sand eels and spearing, according to John, but the ratio of shorts to keepers is about 6 to 1. Blues being trolled from Kismet to the inlet. Fish run 3-5 lbs.

BAY SHORE

From **Smokey's Tackle Shop**, Carl Miller said that boatmen continue to bang away at the weaks in the buoy 12 and 13 area. Stu Berkowitz of the Bronx and Howard Gruber of Brentwood fishing aboard the An-How, stopped by with three big weaks up to 10½ lbs. taken on sand worms and jelly worms at O.B. Carl says he has been weighing in quite a few big weaks from 9 to 12 lbs. 2 oz. Fluke fishing improving daily, with spearing and sand eels accounting for the most fish. Many of the summer flatties, however, must be returned to the water. Good blackfishing in the vicinity of the Kismet Reef, a few sea bass at buoy 13 and plenty of 2-4 lb. blues being trolled from the lighthouse to the inlet. Lou Pirreta checked in a 13 lb. blackfish which he took casting from the Sore Thumb at Oak Beach.

CAPTREE

Noel of the **Captree Bait Station** reported good flounder action continues off of the pier in front of the bait station, although the fishing has slowed from last week's hectic action. Casters working the bar under the Robert Moses Bridge picking up fluke along with an occasional blue and weak. Party boats continue to take weakfish during their afternoon trips. Sand worms taking most of the fish. Noel described the fluking as decent, although many of the flatties are under the 14" minimum size. Plenty of flounder being taken now at the Jones Beach fishing pier on worms.

BABYLON

From **Babylon Fishing Station**, Tom told us that he has seen some nice catches of weaks taken from the West Channel area on sand worms and jelly worms. Fluke being taken on spearing and sand eels from Kismet to the Bridge. Many are shorts. Flounder fishing in the area has died.

Dick of **Augie's Tackle Shop** reported that Al Lorenzetti, Sr., settled the annual Babylon Tuna Club Weakfish Contest over the weekend with a 12 lb. 11 oz. tiderunner taken aboard his skiff The Skimmer. Skip Crandell followed up Al's fish with a 9 lb. 13 oz. weak. Bob Schwartz journeyed to the Hudson Canyon on Saturday and loaded up with tilefish aboard his Pride and Joy. Lots of blues in the bay for trollers and chummers, according to Dick and fluke improving with more 3 and 4 lbers. sprinkled among the smaller fish this past week.

Mark Berger called to say that fishing buoy 12 in Fire Island on Tuesday he had some nice 10 lb. class blackfish fishing in about 16' of water. These were taken while live lining for weakfish on the drift.

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LINDENHURST

A call from Rocky Dameilo of Lindenhurst told us about a 10 lb. weakfish that he took under the 1st Meadowbrook Bridge from the beach on Tuesday evening. This was on a sand worm fished on the bottom.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs reported from his bait and Tackle shop that there is a good mixed bag available in the area. Squaw Island has been producing both flounder and fluke, while the 3rd bridge has been surrendering some fluke along with some big weakfish. Weakfish in the 4-8 lb. class on shrimp chum and sand wors in Unqua Channel. Frank Roach, Jr., checked in a 14 lb. weak which he took Thursday at Unqua Point on grass shrimp. Blackfish at the local bridges on green crabs. George asked us to remind customers that he has live killies in stock as well as a good supply of grass shrimp and live eels.

SEAFORD

Lon at **Wanser's Tackle Shop** told us that real good flounder fishing continues in the area. Nick Ioli and his wife Nancy of Massapequa had 51 flounder on Saturday using worms and corn chum. Steve and Ann Weiss clicked with 39 flatties up to 2 lbs. at Squaw Island, also on Saturday. Lon has been getting plenty of reports of fluke from the Wantagh Bridge to the inlet on sand eels and squid. Weakfish along with an occasional bass at the 3rd bridge and the entrance to Zachs Bay. Incoming tide and sand worms have been the ticket. Plenty of blacks at the bridges.

John at **Pop's Fishing Station** says that the first fluke of the season was brought in by Sue Williams, Mike Savino and Bill Hayes, all of Bethpage. They had 15 keepers out of 40 fish caught. They started catching on flounder rigs and then switched over to fluke rigs. This was in the Jones Beach Pier area between the Meadowbrook and Wantagh bridge, on worms and squid on Saturday. Dave Doebatick and Joann Angeri, along with Dan and Dee-Dee Graziano of Lovettown had 75 flounder to 2¼ lbs. plus good catches of blowfish, all on the west side of the 2nd and 3rd wantagh bridges on Sunday. Also on Sunday, Fred Doherty of Elmont and Gary De Jong had a mixed bag of fluke, flounder, eels, blowfish and blackfish; all on one trip. They fished both sides of the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh Bridges. John said flounder has been the best bet. The fish are all fat and all the skiffs are returning with wide smilling faces aboard.

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MERRICK

Nick's Fishing Station reports that 24 keeper fluke were caught Saturday by Randy and Marie Bradien of Bethpage drifting from the Short Beach Coast Guard Station north to the Swift Creek houses on sand eels very early in the morning. Jimmy says that flounder catches have been very good all through the weekend in Broad and Ned's Creek with fish up to 1½ lbs. The far end of Rowboat alley also produced well. The Meadowbrook Bridge around the slack tides also gave forth a bounty of flatties. These catches were on worm and clam. Two to 3 lb. bluefish have been taken about a mile off Jones Inlet. They are chock full of sand eels and are hitting umbrella rigs.

BELLMORE

Merrick Tackle reports that the Merrick charter boat **Elaine II** has been getting 2 to 5 lb. bluefish trolling umbrellas in 35 feet of water due south of Jones. Friday night in the Inlet blues were jigged and taken on jelly worms. A lot of small fluke in Jones Inlet on squid and sand eels. Flounders and some blowfish at the Meadowbrook Bridge on worms.

Youngster Patricia Loeffler on Friday caught a 2½ lb. blackfish fishing behind her house in Bellmore Creek. This fish is a giant for that canal and it hit a sand worm which was fished along side a piling. This would be indicative of a strong blackfish season.

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FREEPORT

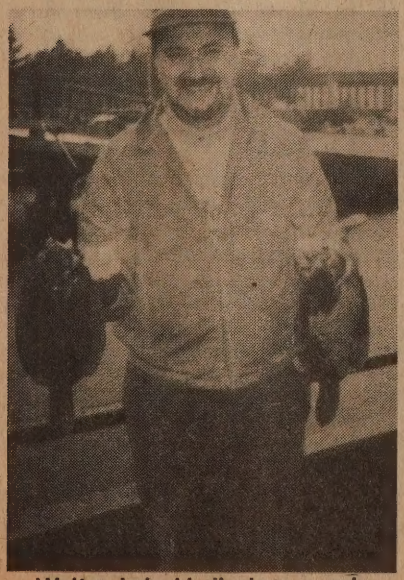
Capt. Sy Karlin of the **Bluefin Fleet** tells us that his boats had very good flounder catches all week and weekend with an occasional accidental fluke and weakfish hitting on flounder rigs. Worms and clam bait are doing the trick and the boats are fishing local areas with very good catches.

Bob at **Hook, Line and Sinker** reported good flounder fishing continues in the area. Most of the action is on worms. Weakfish at the bridges and fluke in the inlet area on spearing and sand eels. Bluefish in the 5-8 lb. class were jigged south of the Lido Hotel in 30' of water over the weekend. Choppers also in and out of the inlet.

The word from **Anthony's Fishing Station** was of good flounder fishing in Fundy Creek on worms, clams and clam chum. Weakfish and blacks at the bridges and fluke being taken in the channel and the inlet, most however, are shorts.

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Dennis of the **Marie III** tells us that Saturday's charter for Bob Erhardt resulted in a catch of 25% keeper fluke fishing between the Meadowbrook Bridge and the southwest corner of Swift Creek using squid, sandeels and spearing. A good catch of flounder was taken in addition on the east side of Swift Creek at the bay houses, though things died at slack. Outgoing tide produced best.



Walter Iwinski displays a pair of flounder up to 2¾ lbs. taken aboard the Point Lookout open boat "Marie III."

Ed's Fishing Station happily reports that through Sunday the weather and fish cooperated. There were a lot of throw-backs in the fluke department but there were also a good number of keepers as well for those rental skiffs drifting Reynold's Channel. This was mainly squid/sandeel combos. Good flounder fishing was had in front of the Coast Guard Station, in Swift Creek and at buoys 16 to 20. Ed Puzio of NJ and Chris Wolak had roughly 65 flounder up to 2½ lbs. Saturday. On Sunday Bill Pearlman of Oceanside fishing with Ronnie Remland and son Daniel boated a 42 lb. striper fishing the west bar from their boat "Ronnie Dock". John Cusack of Jackson Hgts. and George Engert of Whitestone had 55 good sized flounders fishing the Coast Guard Station. Ken Wilson of NYC had the pool weakfish of just under 12 lbs. fishing on Captree **Speedy VII** Sun-

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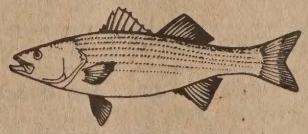

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Jason Colby hefts a 36 lb. striper taken at Jones Beach on a live eel. Photo courtesy of Skippy's Bait and Tackle.

day evening.

Andy of **Scotty's Marina** said there's still lots of flounder on the flats, buoy 17 and the southeast side of the Meadowbrook Bridge. Nyla Amato returned to the marina with 17 bluefish in the 2-5 lb. class, which she took casting at Short Beach. Good blackfish at the bridges on fiddlers and green crabs and weakfishing has slowed due to the abundance of blues in the area. Mackerel all but gone. Andy requested that we remind readers of the dangers involved in fishing near the inlet in small car-top boats. There have been several capsizings in recent weeks when anglers in 10' and 11' car-toppers tried to fish areas they had no business being in.

LONG BEACH

Connie reported from **Long Beach Sports Marina** that there are still lots of flounder being taken on worms in Reynolds Channel. Fluke beginning to get their feet in the door, but many of the new arrivals are under the 14'' minimum size.

ISLAND PARK

Charlie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Tackle Shop** reported that flounder fishing in the Jones Inlet area remained in tiptop shape this past week. Plenty of fluke around now, although 80% of them are throwbacks according to Charlie's figuring. Excellent blackfish at the bridges on fiddler crabs and sharpies making some nice catches of weaks under the Meadowbrook and Wantagh bridges on sand worms and jelly worms.

JAMAICA BAY

John at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** reported that flounder still being taken off of the area bridges on clams and worms. Blackfish up to 2 lbs. providing good action from the same bridges on fiddler crabs.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Stella Maris Bait and Tackle informs us there are some blues being caught off the Jersey Shore and also at the Tin Can. Fluke have started to show and catches should be building in the next week or so. Blackfish on fiddlers and green crabs are a good item on any rocks or wrecks you can find and at the Marine Parkway Bridge. Flounder still being picked in the bays, bloodworms working best.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny reported from **Santo's Sport Shop** that the fluking has been improving daily in the vicinity of Great Kills Park. Boatmen have been trolling blues in the 10-12 lb. class on red tubes in Princess Bay and those fishing bait at the entrance to Great Hills Harbor have been putting weakfish in the 8-10 lb. class in the box.

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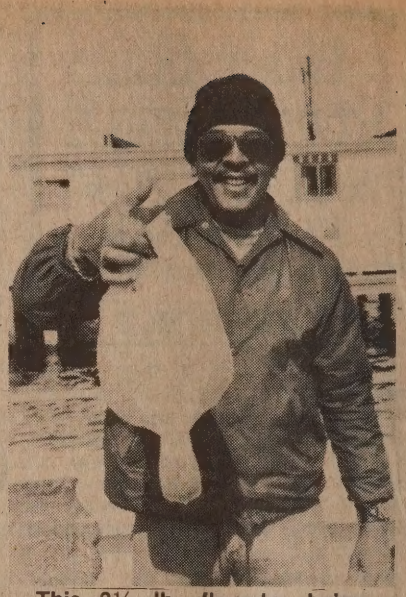
WEAKS

GREENPORT

A.P. White Bait Shop reports that weakfish are a big item aboard the **Brand X** and the **Peconic Star**. The latter is now taking weakfish on

Bob Santiago and Perry Cohen with 45 tiderunners up to 11¾ lbs. taken at buoy 23 on bucktails and jelly worms. Photo courtesy of Captain Marty's Fishing Station.



This 3¼ lb. flounder being held by Tyrone Thorn of the Bronx was taken recently aboard the Peconic Star.

night charters and good catches are being made on day and night trips with jelly worms tipped with squid and Twisters tipped with squid. Flounders are still good at Orient and in the Sound at Petty's Bight on worm, clam and mussel. A few stripers in the Sluiceway at Plum Gut. Good blackfishing all over the Sound on clam and sand worms and good flounder catches for surfcasters at Petty's Bight. The **Peconic Star** has now switched over to weakfish and porgies for their day trips. See ad for details.

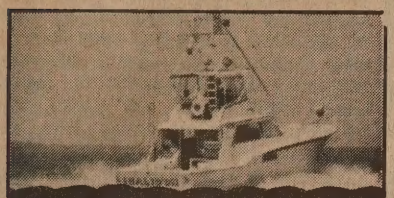
SOUTHOLD

Ace at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** tells us weakfish are being caught at buoys 17-18 daytime on most artificials tipped with a squid strip. Night weakfishing is very good from Crab Creek Pt. on Shelter Island through buoy 15 with boats getting anywhere from 25-50 fish a night on squid. A few fluke off Jessups on squid also. Some quality size porgies in the 3½ to 4 lb. range west of buoy 18 and on the west side of Jessups and off Green lawn. Blackfish at Greenlawn, the Brickyard and the west side of Jessups, running from 4-8½ lbs. on green crab and worms. A few flounder off Green lawn, but very good flounder fishing at Orient, Petty's Bight and at the traps east of the Orient station on clam, worm and mussel bait. Ace says you still have to work for your fish and they won't be in your boat unless you do the right things.

AQUEBOGUE

Warren's Bait & Tackle reports that in the Sound blackfish are hitting in all rocky areas on crabs, clam and sand worm, fish to 8 lbs.

★FREEPORT★



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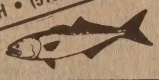

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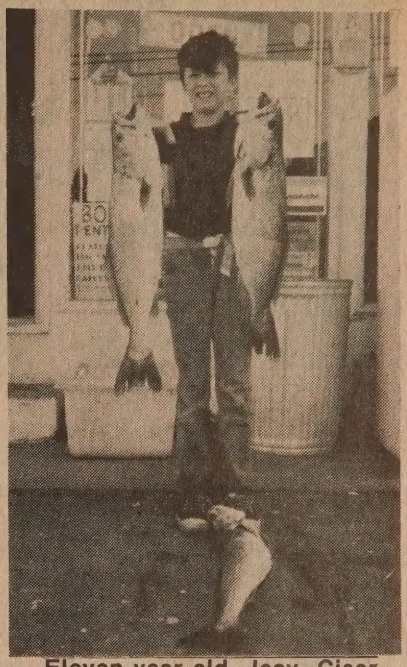


Eleven-year-old Joey Cisar with a trio of fine weaks taken on sand worms at Cow's Neck.

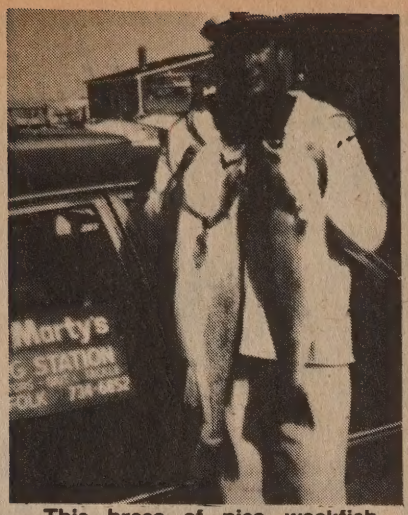
There are still lots of flounder at Orient to the tune of 100 to 200 per private boat. These fish are running 1 to 3 lbs. on worm, clam or mussel. Porgies are in the bay with boats getting anywhere from 10 to 30 per, fish running from 2 to 4 lbs. Warren had just weighed in a 4 pounder when we called on Monday. They are hitting clam and worm but chumming is a must with the best chum being ground clam. Buoy 22 seems to be best in the afternoon. Weaks from 4 lbs. up and blues from 2 to 9 lbs. are scattered all around the bay. They are hitting jelly worms and the notorious Warren's lure. Striped bass in the Gut says Warren up to 35 lbs. on live bunker, live mackerel etc. but he stresses LIVE bait.

NEW SUFFOLK

Phil at **Capt. Marty's Fishing Station** reports porgies averaging 3 lbs. being caught at buoys 23, and 25 and in the South Race on clam and worm bait. Weakfish in the South Race and buoy 18 on clam, worm and squid with fish in the 5 lb. class. Blackfish in the South Race in the 5-6 lb. range on jelly worms or Salty Dogs tipped with squid.

SAG HARBOR

Chris at **Bayview Fishing Station** tells of weakfish at Jessups, Buoy 16 and Mashamak Point with some bluefish mixed in, on jelly worms



This brace of nice weakfish were taken out of Captain Marty's Fishing Station on jelly worms tipped with squid strips.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

★ BEST BET ★ WEAKS

ROCKY POINT

Stan at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** described the blackfishing as excellent. Fiddlers, green crabs, worms and clams all get attention. Another outsize tautog was taken on Saturday at Hagerman's Landing. The 12 lb. fish was taken by a caster who did not leave his name. Stan was also enthused about the good showing of big porgies in the area over the weekend. The two biggest humpbacks that he has seen in recent days checked in at 4½ lbs.

MT. SINAI HBR.

Bob at **Fisherman's Haven** reports lots of good activity for surfcasters at Miller Place on weakfish at dusk particularly on Hopkins shorties. These weaks are running 3 to 7 lbs. and are hitting on both tides. Sal Zanza of Selden had three 3 lb. weaks on Wednesday night. Flounders and blacks at Mt. Sinai Inlet on worm and clam. Porgies are starting off well at Miller Place, Buoy 11 and from the beach on clam, worm and squid. Blacks are taking fiddlers and green crabs.

Fifteen-year-old Valerie Minieri poses with her first weakfish. The 11 lber. fell for a grape jelly worm at Cows Neck. Subscriber photo.

tipped with squid or Salty Dogs tipped with squid. Blues and weaks also off Long Beach at sunset, same bait. These are 7 to 12 lb. fish. A few porgies and an occaisonal fluke being taken. Best place to try for them would be opposite Cedar Point in the Cove.

Capt. Arite Latch of the **Wilhelric** called to say that his special combo trips are really catching fire. The skipper says you can come out after work for weakfish on the 7:00 p.m. run and follow it up with a full day of Gardiner's Island flounder on the 7:00 a.m. run. For those who want to fish weakfish with light tackle, Artie says come out during the week when there's more room to play the fish. Plenty of flounder on the bar at Gardiner's and southeast of the Ruins and also at Eastern Plains Point with larger fish to the east. Saturday there were over 50 flatties in the 3 lb. class plus a lot of big blackfish mixed in. Best bait has been mussel clam combos. Night weakfishing has been excellent all week but slower on the weekend with the heavy boat traffic, aciton centering around Middle Grounds. The pool weakfish is generally in the 14 lb. range on squid, fished on a hi/lo rig. Your reporter fished the day flounder trip aboard the **Wilhelric** on Thursday and four 3 lb. fish were part of my haul at the end of the day.

NOYAC

Noyac Marina reports that on Sunday Louis and Monserrate Ramirez along with Ivan and John had 13 nice weaks from 3 to 9 lbs. fishing between the Jessups nets and the Monastery on jelly worms and squid. Best action is in the morning or in the late afternoon. Those starting their weakfishing at around 4 p.m. totaled the best scores averaging 25 to 35 weakfish per skiff.

Ralph's Fishing Station says that some big porgies in the 1½ to 2½ lb. range are being taken off Miller Place on clam and worm. Blackfish action very good off Cedar Beach with fish going up to 10½ lbs. Blacks are being taken off the beach as well and Ralph has seen lots of 8 and 9 pounders. Good blackfish territory is Rocky Point Beach, Cedar Point Beach, on worm, clam, fiddlers and green crabs. Flounders are being caught off the beaches and from the rental skiffs on worm and clam. Some weaks at buoy 11 off the Pink House on diamond jigs and on jelly worms. A 6 lb. fluke was taken on one skiff after the critter hit a diamond jig worked close to the bottom.

KINGS PARK

OK Bait and Tackle tells of good flounder, blackfish and weakfish activities with the best areas being Callahan's Beach, off the mansion and off Crane's Neck. The first sea bass of the year was a 2 lber. weighed in for Jeanine Caruso, taken at Callahan's on mussel.

NORTHPORT

Tom at **Bowman's Sporting Goods Store** said that blackfish are the best bet in the area. Hottest fishing has been off of Eatons Neck in water ranging from 10' to 15' deep. Worms, fiddlers and crabs accounting for many fish in the 3-10 lb. class. Casters have been getting in their shots with the blacks at Hobart and Makamah Beaches.

PORT JEFFERSON

John at **Caraftis Fishing Station** tells us that blackfish are the best bet at Old Field, Crane Neck and Mt. Misery Point, fish 3 to 11 lbs. on crab, worm and clam. Nice size flounder between Mt. Misery Point and the Shoals, fish up to 1½ lbs. John says always rig a hi hook with squid for weakfish right now no matter what your going for on the bottom. Lots of school bass being taken on floated worms at the Electric Co and all along the Sound beach. Some porgies, sea bass and blues as incidental catches.

HUNTINGTON

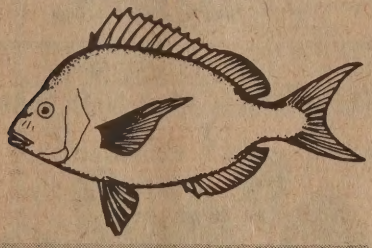
The **Ever Ready** reports that Saturday's 6 a.m. run was a mackerel masacre with Bob Milanese, Jackie Anselm of Dix Hills and Dale John tying for the pool. Sunday's action was also frantic. Bonnie Bologna and 7 yr. old Jason Corrodo of Cuba Hill Elementary School in Elwood landing jumbo Bostons. Vie Neiseh of Syosset took the pool on Sunday's afternoon run with a medium size black. Don says that the **Ever Ready** will continue it's 1 to 5 run on Sunday afternoon and will be adding 4 nighttime weak and

striper trips and an additional Saturday afternoon bottom run. See next week's ad for details.

Charter boat **Eclipse** called to tell us that Monday morning's charter for Jennifer, Gina and Dad Mark enjoyed good flounder and blackfish action at buoy 13 Eaton's Neck. The boat is now starting to troll for weakfish and a few are being picked up off Eaton's.

"Real good blacks at Eaton's Neck," according to Ronnie of **Ronnie's Bait and Tackle**. Fiddlers, greens and worms have all accounted for some nice tautog scores. On Saturday, Len and Steve aboard the Donna Ann checked in a catch of 18 blackfish to 7 lbs. made near the Eatons Neck Coast Guard Station. A few bass being worm trolled in Cold Spring Harbor by local sharpies according to Ron.

George Valentine reported from his **Four Winds Tackle Shop** that boatmen managed to pin down the mackerel schools at buoy 11B long enough to return with fair catches over the weekend. Blackfish remained the big news in the area, however. James Schneider along with his sons Bill and Rob, had 25 tautogs at Eatons Neck on Saturday. Biggest was an 8 lber. All were taken on fiddler crabs. On Friday, Lou Fenza checked in a 7 lb. black. Still some flounder at Ashroken. Fish up to 1¼ lbs. taken on worms here over the weekend.



Tom Marrone displays a large blackfish and Henry Kuhlend shows a 1¾ lb. flounder. Both were taken aboard the open boat "apache."

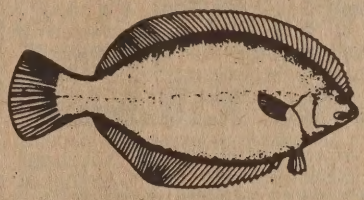
NORTH SHORE WEST END

★ BEST BET ★

FLOUNDER

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait and Tackle reported that blackfish are getting nearly everyone's attention in the area. Excellent scores being made at the old CBS tower and Hart's Island. Lots of fish in the 6-9 lb. class being taken on fiddlers and green crabs. Some flounder still around, but they are tapering off rapidly.



SURF REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Big news over the Memorial Day weekend was the huge striper beached on a live eel in the North Haven area by Bud Breuer. Bud, who resides in Sag Harbor for the summer, dragged the big cow into Chris Salb's **Bay View Tackle Shop** Saturday morning, where the scale eventually settled on 61½ lbs.

As if the monster wasn't enough, Bud and his partner John Stonehill, put away another pair of respectable fish. The two lesser bass checked in at 16 and 30 lbs.

Big stripers are no strangers to the North Haven/Shelter Island area. Each spring, several big cows hovering around the 50 lb. mark, are taken from closely-guarded spots by local anglers.

While Bud's fish made it difficult to concentrate on the remainder of the day's phoning, there was other action around the Island during the long holiday weekend:

South Shore

Lenny of **Santo's Sport Shop** in Staten Island reported an upturn in action in recent days. Some respectable stripers along with some blue-

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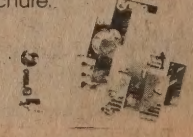

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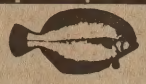
BAIT  **BOATS**

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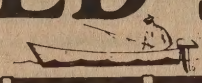
ED'S 

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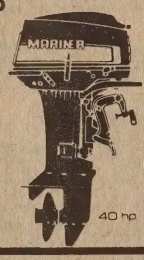

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The first big cow of the 1980 season is displayed by Ed Cotaiux who took the 40 lber. at the Cold Spring Harbor Causeway on a sand worm.

fish have been taken in the South Beach area on Danny swimmers. The white diving model produced a 21 lb. bass for Amil Reigi, an 18½ lber. for Charlie Santangello and a 12 lb. blue for Tony Iacavello. In addition, a few schoolie bass at Penny Beach still being taken on worms. Casters picking away at 10-12 lb. bluefish at Great Kills Park on cut bunker. Fish being taken on both tides.

Charlie Beckmann told me from his **Island Park Shop** that he looked over several bass in the 30 lb. class taken on bunker chunks from either the Rockaway or Atlantic Beach area. The two casters who checked in the fish left very sketchy details.

A 17½ lb. striper along with a 4 lb. weak were checked in at **Scotty's Marina** in Point Lookout by a caster who wished to remain nameless. Fish were taken on the back side of Jones Inlet, according to Andy Chisholm who runs the marina.

The State Channel continues to surrender a few big weaks. One of the more significant tiderunners to come from the drawbridge area was taken by Wayne Nahy of Sayville. Wayne's 11 lb. 4 oz. tiderunner was taken on a fly rod and is now a world's record contender. John DiGiacomo of **J&R Sport Shop**, who filed Nahy's world record claim, also reported that Ira Marder took weaks of 9 lbs. 1 oz. and 10 lbs. 4 oz. from the same area on grape jelly worms Friday.

Bluefish swarmed into Fire Island Inlet on Wednesday. Hays of **The Store** at Oak Beach said that casters working from the Sore Thumb load-

ed up on 3-5 lb. choppers on several occasions since Wednesday. Tin has been accounting for most of the fish.

Nick Russo worked the back side of Fire Island early Friday evening to take 3 blues in the 3-4 lb. range on Tri-Fin Whiptails. This action was at the high water turn just before dark. Other casters had fish also, according to Nick.

Out at Shinnecock, Tom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** reported things quiet along the ocean beach, but said surfmen continue to take blues and weaks on small tins and jelly worms from the shore at Cow Neck and Sebonac.

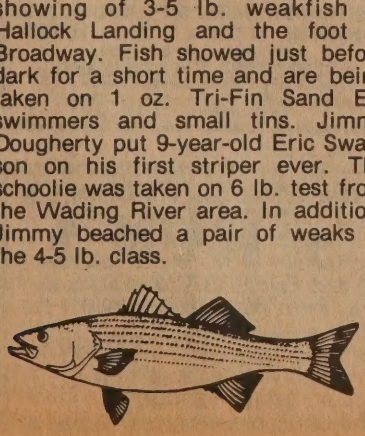
Johnny Kronuch, Sr., up from the Florida Keys for a couple of weeks said that other than a couple of 4 lb. blues taken up front on plugs during the week, the Point has been quiet. Although there have been very few guys trying, John expects the picture to change with next weekend's full moon.

North Shore

Jack told me from his **City Island Tackle Shop** that Turtle Cove continues to produce lots of bass ranging from shorts on up to 8 lbs., while there are still plenty of shorts being taken, there are enough 2-4 lb. fish around to make it interesting. Four-and-a-half inch Rebels and small white bucktails continue to take most of the fish. In the Huntington area, George Valentine of **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** said that some bass and a few weaks were picked up again this week at Caumsett, the Cold Spring Harbor Causeway and the Lilco outflow. Chuck Bosach stopped by with a 5 lb. striper which he picked from among a number of short fish on a 1 oz. TriFin Sand Eel swimmer. Most anglers sticking to small Rebels, Tri-Fin Eel Worms and small bucktails for the bass and weaks.

From his Northport store, Tom Bowman relayed word of "tons of small bass from 12-14" spread around the area, but very few legal fish among them." Tom has yet to see his first weakfish, although he has had several unconfirmed reports of fish taken from local beaches.

Out at Rocky Point, Stan of the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported a showing of 3-5 lb. weakfish at Hallock Landing and the foot of Broadway. Fish showed just before dark for a short time and are being taken on 1 oz. Tri-Fin Sand Eel swimmers and small tins. Jimmy Dougherty put 9-year-old Eric Swanson on his first striper ever. The schoolie was taken on 6 lb. test from the Wading River area. In addition, Jimmy beached a pair of weaks in the 4-5 lb. class.



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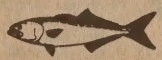

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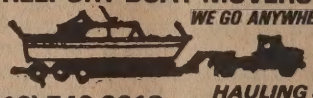

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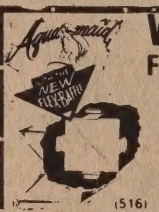

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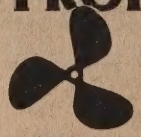

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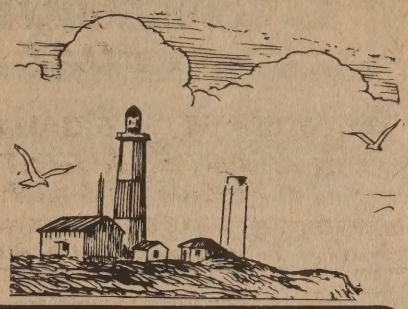

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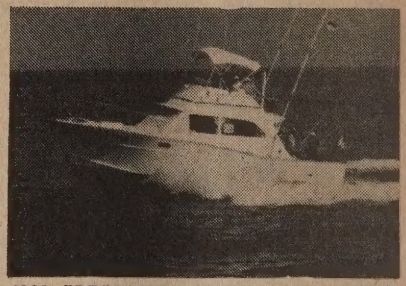

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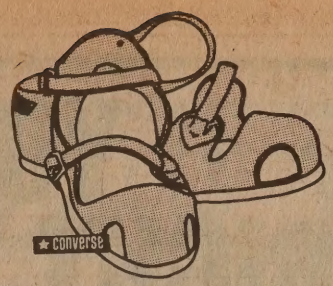

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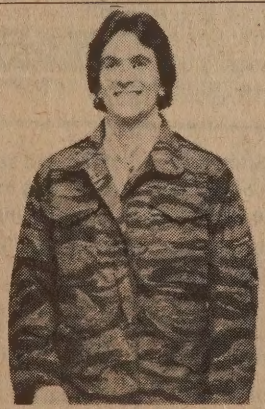

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HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	8:20	8:35	9:05	9:20	9:00	9:10	9:55	10:00	11:50	11:45	11:45	11:55	8:15	8:30	5/29
FRI.	8:55	9:15	9:45	10:00	9:40	9:45	10:35	10:35	–	12:20	–	12:30	9:00	9:15	5/30
SAT.	9:35	9:55	10:25	10:40	10:20	10:20	11:15	11:15	12:20	12:55	12:35	1:10	9:40	9:55	5/31
SUN.	10:20	10:40	11:05	11:25	11:05	11:05	–	12:00	1:00	1:35	1:15	1:50	10:25	10:40	6/1
MON.	11:10	11:25	11:50	–	11:55	11:55	12:00	12:45	1:45	2:20	2:00	2:35	11:10	11:30	6/2
TUE.	–	12:00	12:10	12:45	–	12:50	12:50	1:40	2:35	3:10	2:50	3:30	–	12:05	6/3
WED.	12:20	1:00	1:00	1:40	12:50	1:45	1:45	2:40	3:25	4:05	3:40	4:20	12:20	1:00	6/4
THUR.	1:15	1:55	2:00	2:40	1:50	2:40	2:45	3:40	4:25	5:05	4:40	5:20	1:19	2:00	6/5

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide , add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

5/30	5:28	8:28
5/31	5:28	8:29
6/1	5:27	8:29
6/2	5:27	8:30
6/3	5:26	8:31
6/4	5:25	8:32
6/5	5:25	8:32

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
6/12	6/20	6/28	6/6

The Original Knight
SOLUNAR TABLES
When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	4:35	11:10	5:05	11:35
Fri.	5:20	—	5:50	12:05
Sat.	6:15	12:30	6:45	1:05
Sun.	7:20	1:30	7:40	2:00
Mon.	8:15	2:30	8:40	2:55
Tues.	9:10	3:30	9:40	3:55
Wed.	10:10	4:25	10:35	4:50
Thurs.	11:05	5:20	11:30	5:50

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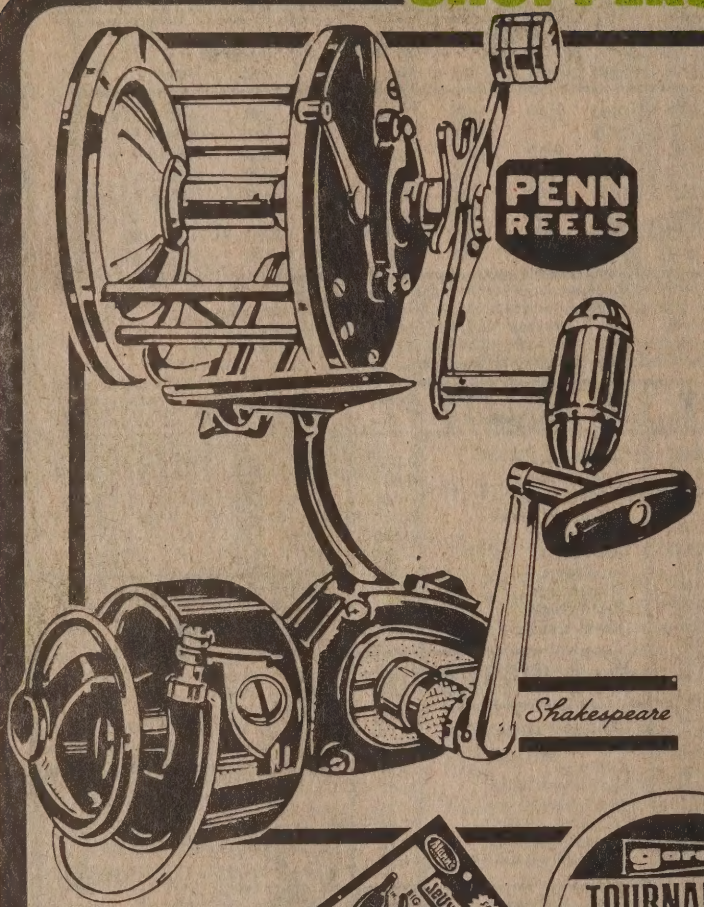

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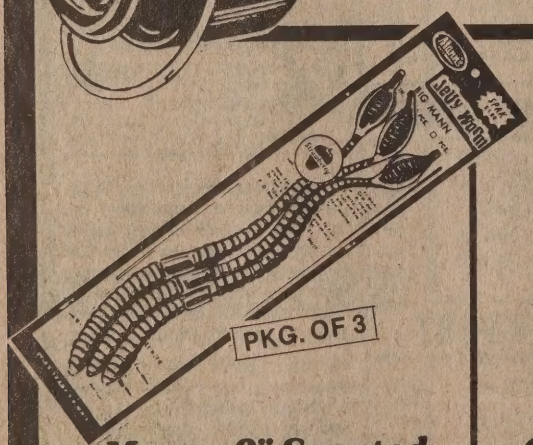

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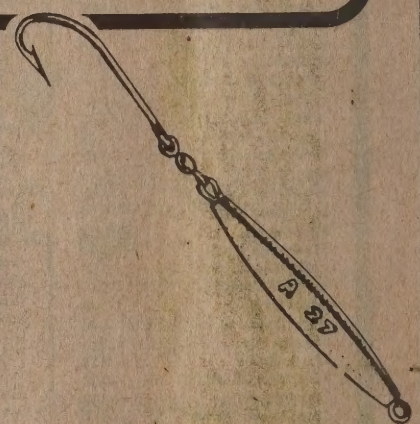

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